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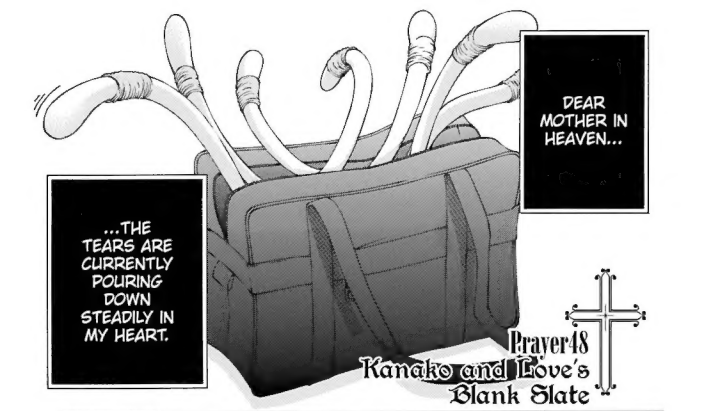
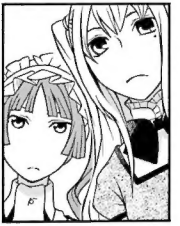


Prayer 48
Kanako and Love's Blank Slate

OH, YOU'RE JUST BROKEN-HEARTED...
DOESN'T SAYING OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT YOU HAD YOUR HEART BROKEN JUST MAKE YOU SADDER?
YOU'RE SO MEAN! AT LEAST SAY IT WITH MORE FEELING!!
ARGH! HAVING YOU AROUND IS WHAT MAKES ME SAD!



SHE HAD SUCH SOFT HAIR, AND LIMPID EYES, AND HER SKIN WAS ALMOST TRANSLUCENT...
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER MEET HER AGAIN.

THAT DREAM WAS THE ONLY CHANCE I HAD.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, PUNCHLINE?! I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED TO TELL MY STORY.
SHOULD YOU BE BLOWING THE PUNCHLINE THAT IT WAS ALL A DREAM SO SOON?
I MEAN, IT WAS MY DREAM, SO WHY COULDN'T HAVE THINGS GONE BETTER? WE COULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TOGETHER!

I'M NOT THE TYPE TO MAKE A BIG SCENE JUST BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE THE ENDING OF A MOVIE OR ANY OF THE TWISTS IN IT.
BUT THIS IS MY OWN DREAM!
YOU COULD SAY IT'S MY OWN PRIVATE THEATER!!
MEANING THAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXERT COMPLETE CONTROL! AND YET MY MIND SUDDENLY DECIDED TO REBEL AGAINST ME.
IT'S LIKE MY MIND IS BRUTUS, NO, MAYBE EVEN MITSUHIDE?!
...YOU DO REALIZE THAT BRUTUS AND MITSUHIDE WERE BOTH TEASED AND TRAMPLED UPON PRETTY BADLY BEFORE THEY WENT THROUGH WITH THEIR BETRAYALS... RIGHT?
DO YOU HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION OF ABUSING YOUR OWN MIND, KANAKO-SAMA?
NOT ONE BIT!!
I'M BASICALLY PAMPERING MY MIND WITH HOW LITTLE I STUDY.
YOU REALLY SHOULD STUDY.

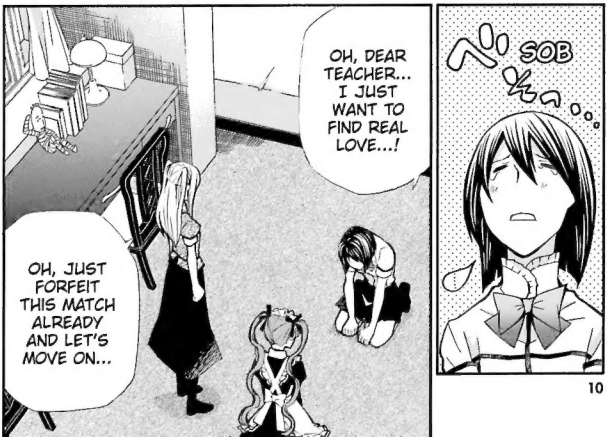
IF YOU WERE TO TAKE IN A SHOW OF YOUR NEIGHBOR CHANGING IN REAL LIFE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE CALLED, MARIYA-SAN?
A PEEPING TOM.

AND IF YOU WERE TO TAKE SOMEONE'S LINGERIE AND KEEP IT, THEN WHAT WOULD YOU BE, MATSURIKA-SAN?
A PANTY THIEF.

AND IF YOU WERE TO GRAB SOMEONE'S TITS AND SQUEEZE THEM APPRECIATIVELY...
...YOU'D BE A PERVERT.

STUFF
CALM DOWN ALREADY!
MMPH!!
BUT THE WORLD OF DREAMS EXISTS EXTRATER-RITORIALLY!
IT'S ON THE SAME LEVEL AS AN EMBASSY!
THIS ISN'T PARKING ILLEGALLY WE'RE TALKING ABO–
SO THIS IS WHAT A TEENAGER'S MIND IS LIKE WHEN THE GAME GLITCHES...
MMG–!
ROLL
ROLL
MMMG–!
LIFE MAY NOT HAVE A RESET BUTTON, BUT YOU CAN ALWAYS PULL THE PLUG.
ROLL
MMMG–!

I WONDER... WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE SO EASILY?
SPRING IS LIKE HOW YOUR HAIRLINE GRADUALLY STARTS TO RECEDE AS THE SUN RISES...
LIKE A PRESENT FROM SANTA...
OR A VACATION ON THE WHITE-SAND BEACHES OF SAIPAN...
HEY, DON'T TELL ME IT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, TOO.


OH, DEAR TEACHER... I JUST WANT TO FIND REAL LOVE...!
OH, JUST FORFEIT THIS MATCH ALREADY AND LET'S MOVE ON...
SOB

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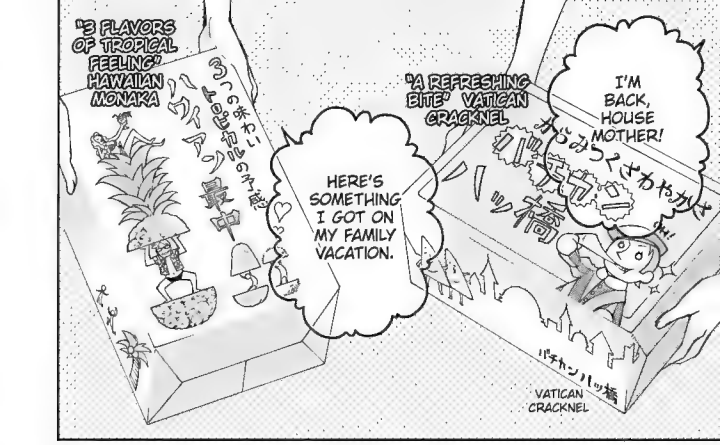
Kanako-san's Birthday Part ①


"3 FLAVORS OF TROPICAL FEELING" HAWAIIAN MONAKA
"A REFRESHING BITE" VATICAN CRACKNEL
I'M BACK, HOUSE MOTHER!
HERE'S SOMETHING I GOT ON MY FAMILY VACATION.
VATICAN CRACKNEL

...AS SUMMER VACATION COMES TO AN END, IT IS TIME FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO WENT HOME TO RETURN TO THE DORMS.
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
OH, YOU'RE ALL SO SWEET.
I WILL ENJOY THEM ALL LATER.
AND A GREAT BIG "WELCOME BACK" TO EVERYONE HERE.
HOUSE MOTHER, I'M BACK!
WE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING, TOO!
EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE COMING BACK NOW.

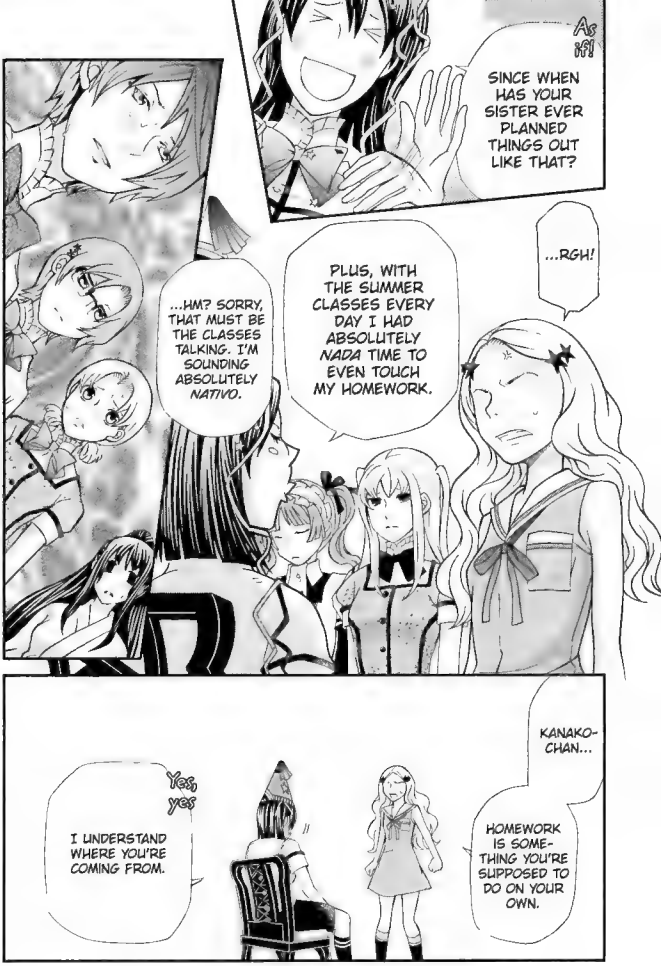
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE BUSY AGAIN SOON, YONAKUNI-SAN.
"A REFRESHING BITE" VATICAN BRACKNEL
WOOF!
THE NEW SEMESTER STARTS TOMORROW.
POP
POP
POP
POP
...AND FOR ME, THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER VACATION IS ALSO...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
GUESS IT'S PRETTY HARD TO GET FRIENDS TOGETHER ON THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER VACATION, HUH?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I CELEBRATED MY BIRTHDAY ON THE ACTUAL DAY!!
THANKS, EVERYONE!
MIYAMAE KANAKO-CHAN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

You didn't come home even once this summer.
HE REALLY WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU DIRECTLY...
...BUT SINCE HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN YOU'D BE BACK, WE FIGURED...
Oohhh...
FROM DAD? WHAT IS IT?
NEVER MIND.
Um...
THAT'S NOT EXACTLY THE REASON...
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED WHEN YOU SHOWED UP YESTERDAY, BUT I GUESS THIS WAS THE REASON, HUH?
YEAH...
AND I HAVE A PRESENT... WELL, SOMETHING LIKE A PRESENT FROM PAPA TO GIVE YOU.
IN PREVIOUS YEARS, SHE'D ALWAYS BEEN IN A STATE OF PANIC TRYING TO RUSH TO DEAL WITH ALL HER HOMEWORK AROUND THIS TIME...
OH! THAT REMINDS ME!
NO...
I DON'T THINK HE WAS LONELY. ACTUALLY, HE'S QUITE HAPPY TO HEAR KANAKO IS TAKING HER STUDIES SO SERIOUSLY.
I CAN SEE HOW THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR FATHER FEEL QUITE LONELY.
SHE WAS GOING TO THE SPECIAL SUMMER CLASSES EVERY DAY DURING SUMMER VACATION.
私も人の事を言えないけどね。
Not that I'm one to talk.

IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT TIME I ASK ONE OF YOU TO LET ME COPY YOUR HOMEWORK. ☆

UHH...
YOU'RE FINISHED WITH IT... AREN'T YOU?

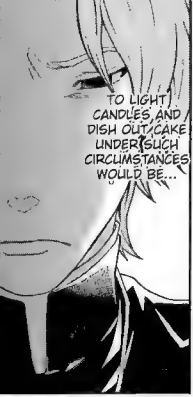

As if!
SINCE WHEN HAS YOUR SISTER EVER PLANNED THINGS OUT LIKE THAT?
...RGH!
PLUS, WITH THE SUMMER CLASSES EVERY DAY I HAD ABSOLUTELY NADA TIME TO EVEN TOUCH MY HOMEWORK.
...HM? SORRY, THAT MUST BE THE CLASSES TALKING. I'M SOUNDING ABSOLUTELY NATIVO.
KANAKO-CHAN...
HOMEWORK IS SOME-THING YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO ON YOUR OWN.
Yes, yes
I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? SOME AMAZING THINGS IN LIFE CAN ONLY BE EXPERIENCED IN THE MOMENT. AND THE WAY I SEE IT IS!..
...IF YOU SPEND THOSE MOMENTS DOING HOMEWORK THEN YOU'RE NOT BEING A HARD WORKER, YOU'RE JUST BULLYING YOURSELF.
BEING A LITTLE BIT OF A MASOCHIST MAY BE CHARM POINT NUMERO UNO...
...BUT BEING A COMPLETE ONE WILL JUST SEND YOU TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FOOD CHAIN.

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU GROW UP.
SCHOOL IS MORE THAN JUST A PLACE YOU GO TO STUDY EVERY DAY.
IT'S A PLACE WHERE YOU SPEND SHINING TIMES WITH YOUR SHINING FRIENDS THAT BECOMES A SHINING POWDER ROOM FOR THE ADULT YOU TO GET READY TO COME OUT OF.

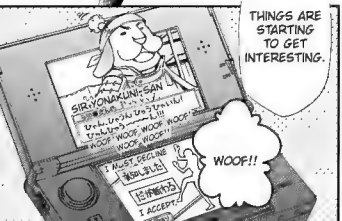
RECITE FOR ME SECTION 9, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE MIYAMAE FAMILY RULES.
AND ALL THOSE SHINING MOMENTS ARE WHAT POLISH A YOUNG GIRL INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN...
CLANG
HUH?! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THAT CAKE?! ISN'T ABOUT TIME WE ALL STOOD UP AND SINGO A SONGO?!
TCH!
HEAVE HO
HEAVE HO
えっほ、えっほ
えっほ、えっほ
HUH?
SECTION 9, PARAGRAPH 2!
UH...
THAT'S ...
KNOCK KNOCK

CREAK
?
SHIMMER
FLIP
SECTION 9, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE MIYAMAE FAMILY RULES STATES...
"SNACKS ARE TO BE GIVEN ONLY AFTER HOMEWORK IS FINISHED"...
FATHER KANAE?!
~TOWARDS TOMORROW~ THE MIYAMAE FAMILY RULES



HOW CAN THIS BE?
I AM, LIKE AN OLDER BROTHER TO MIYAMAE-KUN, SO I RUSHED OVER HERE TO CONGRATULATE HER ON HER BIRTHDAY...
...ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT SHE HASN'T FINISHED HER SUMMER HOMEWORK. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

AND HERE I RELIED ON THE HELP OF THE DORM'S BELOVED HOUSE MOTHER TO ARRIVE WHERE I AM.
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY, "ALL PAIN AND NO GAIN"...
HEH



**"ALL PAIN AND NO GAIN," MEANING THAT THE REWARD FOR THE WORK DONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT.

I MAY HAVE ACTED PREMATURELY... IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME TO COME BACK LATER!!
WHOOSH
SHIDOU-KUN, SHINOUJI-KUN, I'LL COME BACK LATER!
ACK
?
HUH?! WHEN IS ...ATER?!
OH...
SLAM
IS HE A FRIEND OF YOURS, MARIYA-SAN?
THAT MAN IS THE DEVIL!
HE MAY DISGUISE HIMSELF AS AN ANGEL, BUT HE'S THE DEVIL!!
NO, HE'S ACTUALLY A TEACHER HERE.
IS SOME-THING WRONG, KANAKO-SAN? WHY ARE YOU HIDING UNDER THERE?

...WELL, WE HAVE A BIT OF A SITUATION HERE.
WHILE I SEE NO PROBLEM ...
...WITH HAVING THE PARTY FIRST...
FAMILY RULES SHOULD BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE HEAD OF HOUSE IS NOT PRESENT.
ALRIGHTY!! THEN LET'S STOP WORRYING AND HURRY UP AND GET THIS HOMEWORK OUT OF THE WAY!
I'LL HELP!!
NO, MOMOI-SAN.
JUST AS MIKI-SAN SAID, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MIYAMAE-SAN MUST FOLLOW THROUGH TO THE END ON HER OWN.
IF WE LET HER TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT NOW, SHE'LL ONLY CONTINUE TO BE DEPENDENT ON THE KINDNESS OF OTHERS NEXT YEAR AS WELL.
...I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN. WE WOULD JUST BE CREATING A NEGATIVE CYCLE.
FOR NOW, WE SHOULD JUST HOPE THAT KANAKO-SAN WORKS HARD ENOUGH TO FINISH IT.
WHA?!
OKAY, WELL WHY DON'T WE HAVE SOME FUN AND PLAY "FIGHT YOUR WAY THROUGH JAPANESE HISTORY -THE SHIMMERING EDO PERIOD (BETA)-" WHILE WE WAIT?
STAY FOCUSED, KANAKO-CHAN!!
YOU CAN DO IT, MIYAMAE-SAN.
WHA?
HUH?
FLIP
GLEAM
WHAAAAT?!

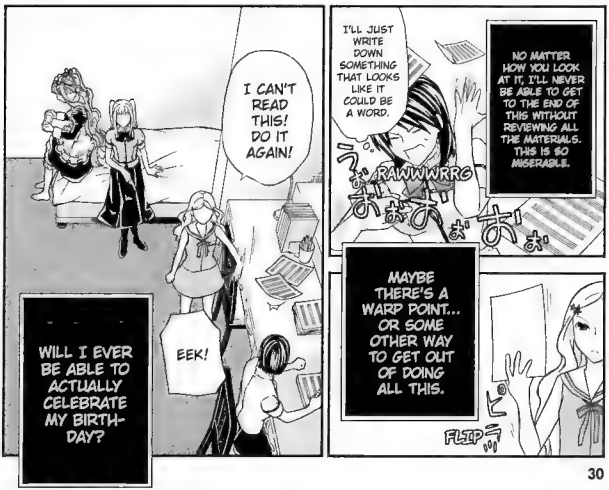
I DON'T WANT TO.
IN THAT CASE, GO AND APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE AND TELL THEM YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE POSTPONED.
EVEN IF I START RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BE FINISHED BY TOMORROW.
NOW, SINCE EVERYONE IS BEING SO CONSIDERATE OF YOU, HURRY UP AND GET TO WORK AT YOUR DESK!!
SLAM
WHAT?
SLUMP
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF.
I'LL TELL YOU, IT WAS QUITE THE DIFFICULT TASK TO AVOID MY STRICT FATHER'S WATCHFUL EYES AS I PUT OFF DOING MY HOMEWORK DAY AFTER DAY.
Heh...
FWOOSH
...NOW I UNDERSTAND. THIS HAPPENS EVERY YEAR AND THAT'S WHY HER PARTY IS ALWAYS CALLED OFF.
NO NEED TO GET SO WORKED UP.
YOU DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT IT AT ALL, DO YOU?!
Stop fooling around or I'll get really angry!!
I THINK IT BEST THAT WE LET KANAKO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ON HER OWN.
PIPI
SURE, THERE WERE DAYS WHEN I KNEW IT WOULD BE EASIER IF I JUST SAT DOWN AT MY DESK AND GOT TO WORK. THERE WERE DAYS WHEN I JUST WANTED TO GIVE UP, BUT I FOUGHT THROUGH THEM...
...AND NOW THOSE DAYS FEEL LIKE A DREAM...

IF WE TELL HIM THE WHOLE STORY, I AM SURE HE WILL SIT BY KANAKO AND COACH HER ONE-ON-ONE UNTIL SHE FINISHES IT ALL.
HAPPY HAPPY DRILLS FOR SUMMER!
ARGH! I'LL DO IT!!
BUT MARIYA-SAN!!
...AFTER ALL, KANAKO'S DEAR "OLDER BROTHER" FATHER KANAE WILL BE BACK LATER TO CHECK ON HER.
ABOUT THAT
WHAT EXACTLY DID HE GIVE YOU?
I CAN'T HAND OVER THE GIFT FATHER ENTRUSTED ME WITH TO SOMEONE LIKE HER!
GOD, I CAN'T BELIEVE HER...
ARGH
THAT'S... IT'S-
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME IF IT'S THAT SERIOUS.
FLAP FLAP
OH?

WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING ALL TOGETHER?
WELL, ACTUALLY ...
I SEE.
SO, BECAUSE MIYAMAE-KUN PUT HER HOMEWORK OFF TO THE LAST MINUTE, YOU HAD TO POSTPONE HER BIRTHDAY PARTY.
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
PEAK
THAT'S RIGHT.
WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT YOU WOULD BE AWARE OF EVERYTHING GOING ON, HOUSE MOTHER.
MIYAMAE-SAN'S PRODIGAL WAY OF LIFE REALLY CAN BE A PROBLEM SOMETIMES.
I SOMETIMES WONDER IF THE HOUSE MOTHER HAS MORE THAN JUST A KEEN EYE AND IS ACTUALLY SPYING ON US...
SEE HOW HER CUTE LITTLE EARS ARE TWITCHING LIKE THAT?
I THINK THAT'S WHERE HER SECRET LIES.
IT'S INTERESTING HOW YOU SOMETIMES SEEM TO SUDDENLY REMEMBER AND TRANSFORM YOURSELF INTO THE CHARACTER YOU USED TO BE, KIRI-SAN...

Miyamae Kanako Emergency Task
宮前かなこ緊急対応
She's still paying back the bill she got for getting all F's.
全科目赤点のツケは
支払い続けているし
When it came to dieting, she quickly started acting like an ex-con.
ダイエットでは
あわや前科者に
なる所だったし
HOWEVER, THERE IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE FOR EVERYONE TO REMEMBER!! MIYAMAE-KUN IS ABLE TO SHOW HER TALENTS OFF TO THE BEST OF HER ABILITY WHEN SHE FACES ADVERSITY OF THIS NATURE.
SHE'S RIGHT!! JUST THINK OF HOW MANY TRIALS SHE'S OVERCOME!!
WAIT...?
CAN ANY OF THAT BE CALLED... "OVERCOMING"?
WE TEND TO ROMANTICIZE OUR PAST A LITTLE.
第一女子寮の試練では
熱湯風呂以外
他人任せ
だったし...
And when it came to the trials of the 1st Dormitory Girls, Number One that we participated in, the Hot Spring Bath, ended up being the only trial we passed.
THE SURFACE... THE SURFACE OF WHAT EXACTLY?!
WELL, WE MIGHT AS WELL RELAX WHILE WE WAIT FOR HER.
GOD ONLY PEERS INTO THE SURFACE OF THINGS.
RELAX.
Oh...
Huh...? DID SHE JUST READ MY MIND...?

DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
...WHY IS IT THAT WE ARE GIVEN SO MUCH HOMEWORK OVER SUMMER VACATION? FOR ONE, IT'S VACATION. AND BESIDES THAT, IT'S SO HOT THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCENTRATE AND GET THROUGH QUICKLY.
YAY FOR SNACKS. ♡
THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL.
BECAUSE THEY'RE ABOUT TO EXPIRE.
THERE'S NO POINT IN STANDING AROUND TALKING LIKE THIS. WHY NOT COME AND HAVE SOME TEA WITH ME? RIGHT NOW I'M RUNNING A SPECIAL, ALL THE SNACKS YOU CAN EAT!


I CAN'T READ THIS! DO IT AGAIN!
EEK!
WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY CELEBRATE MY BIRTH-DAY?
I'LL JUST WRITE DOWN SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE IT COULD BE A WORD.
RAWWWRRG
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET TO THE END OF THIS WITHOUT REVIEWING ALL THE MATERIALS. THIS IS SO MISERABLE.
MAYBE THERE'S A WARP POINT... OR SOME OTHER WAY TO GET OUT OF DOING ALL THIS.
FLIP

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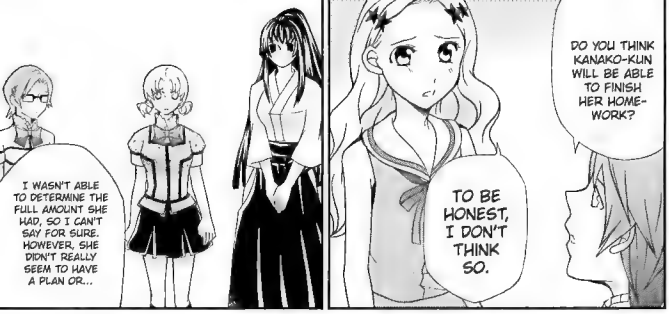
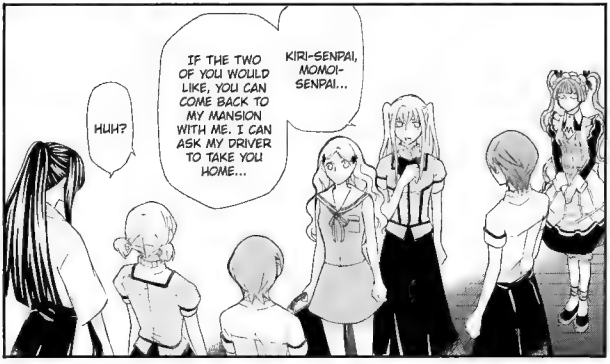
Kanako-san's
Birthday Part②

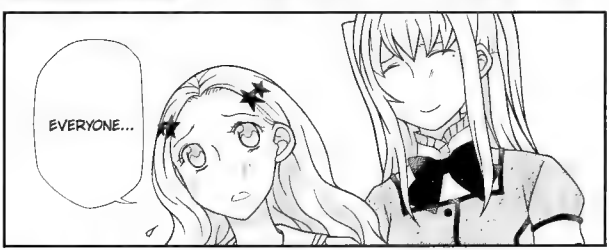
OH, DEAR, ARE YOU LEAVING ALREADY?
I APPRECIATE THE INVITATION, BUT WITH TOMORROW BEING THE START OF THE NEW TERM...
THANK YOU.
GOD HERE WOULDN'T MIND AT ALL IF YOU DECIDED TO STAY ANOTHER NIGHT.
AND HERE YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY JUST TO CELEBRATE MIYAMAE-SAN'S BIRTHDAY.

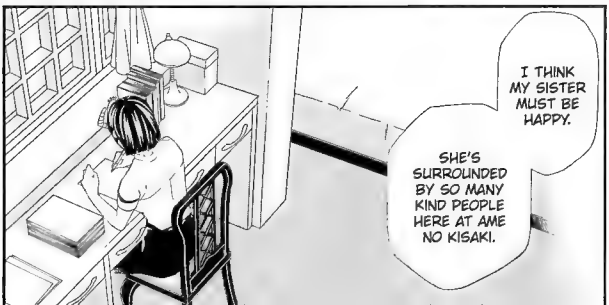

I WASN'T ABLE TO DETERMINE THE FULL AMOUNT SHE HAD, SO I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE. HOWEVER, SHE DIDN'T REALLY SEEM TO HAVE A PLAN OR...
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T THINK SO.
DO YOU THINK KANAKO-KUN WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH HER HOME-WORK?

AT THIS RATE, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ANY SLEEP TONIGHT.
NOTHING ELSE YOU CAN REALLY DO.
HOUSE MOTHER ...
...AFTER I SEE MIKI-SAN TO THE STATION, I'M THINKING OF HEADING STRAIGHT BACK TO MY OWN HOME...


HUH?
IF THE TWO OF YOU WOULD LIKE, YOU CAN COME BACK TO MY MANSION WITH ME. I CAN ASK MY DRIVER TO TAKE YOU HOME...
KIRI-SENPAI, MOMOI-SENPAI...

11:38
THE LAST BUS LEAVES SCHOOL AT 8 P.M., SO LET'S HOLD ON UNTIL THEN AND SEE.
HUH... BUT...
THIS IS MY SISTER'S OWN FAULT. YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT FOR HER...


EVERYONE...


I THINK MY SISTER MUST BE HAPPY.
SHE'S SURROUNDED BY SO MANY KIND PEOPLE HERE AT AME NO KISAKI.

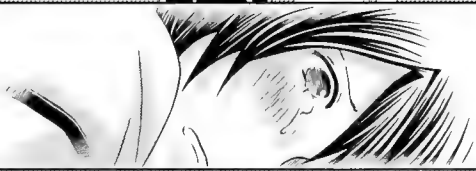
PEOPLE WHO LOVE OTHERS USUALLY ARE LOVED BY THOSE AROUND THEM AS WELL.
THERE IS A REASON WE ALL TREASURE KANAKO-SAN.
MARIYA-SAN...
...I'M NOT EXACTLY LYING.
LOVE JUST TAKES MANY DIFFERENT FORMS IN HER CASE...
サチさんの桃のほっぺを
I just want to squeeze...
ぷにぷにしたいなぁ～♥
...Sachi-san's rosy pink cheeks!♥
GET しそうだ♥
...bashful face!♥
桐さんの貴重なデレ顔
I got it, I got Kiri-san's...
和装ポニテ女子萌え～♥
Women in kimono with ponytails make me melt!♥
隆鏡さまは喋れば喋る程珍妙さが増すな～♥
The more Ryuken-sama speaks, the stronger the seems!♥

I WONDER WHAT THAT FAVOR COULD BEEEEE?
...BY THE WAY, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU, HOUSE MOTHER.
OH?
AME NO KISAKI GIRLS' DORM NUMBER 2
ARGH...
NGH...
HNG...
DRIP

WHY ARE THEY BEING SO UNREASON-ABLE?
ISN'T TODAY SUPPOSED TO BE MY DAY?!
ISN'T IT SUPPOSED TO BE THAT DAY THAT ONLY COMES ONCE A YEAR WHERE EVERYONE AROUND THE WORLD CELEBRATES MY BIRTHDAY?!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF PUTTING OFF THE PARTY UNTIL I FINISH MY HOME-WORK?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL, SO SHOULDN'T I BE ABLE TO TAKE PRIDE IN NOT DOING MY HOMEWORK?!
THIS IS ALL SO STUPID!
BOOM

I'M NOT GONNA DO ANYMORE TODAY!
WHAT-EVER!
FLUMP
KANAKO-CHAN, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

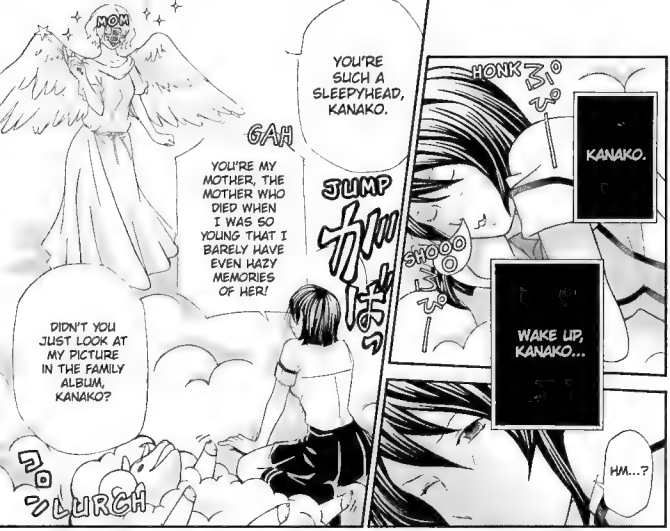
THANK YOU FOR INVITING US.

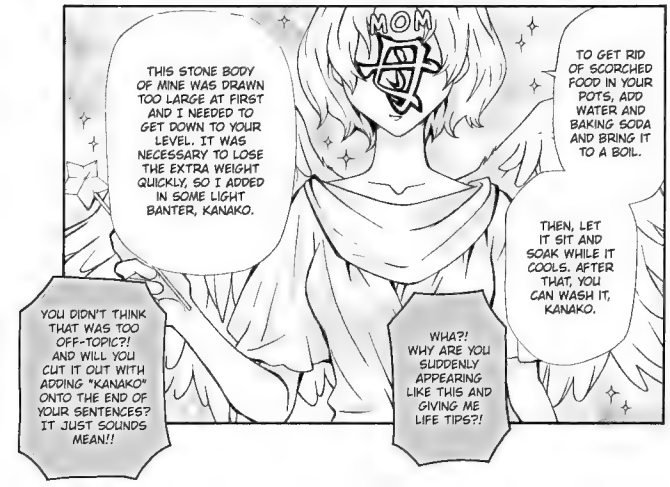


I MADE YOU A CAKE.
I HOPE YOU LIKE IT.
AND I USED THE DORMITORY KITCHEN TO MAKE US SOME SNACKS.

...MY HABIT OF BEING LAZY ALL THE TIME WAS TRAMPLING...
...ALL OVER THEIR KINDNESS TOWARDS ME.
I NEVER REALIZED THAT...
IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT TIME I ASK ONE OF YOU TO LET ME COPY YOUR HOMEWORK.
RUB..
RUB
I'M SORRY.
I'VE GOTTA DO MY HOMEWORK.
...AND I'LL FINISH THIS ALL BY MYSELF.
I'LL WORK HARD...
I DON'T DESERVE TO HAVE A PARTY THROWN FOR ME.
AND WHEN I DO FINISH...

...IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HARD AT WORK NOW.
GOOD.
I'M SURE SHE CAN PULL IT OFF.
AND WHEN SHE DOES, WE'LL THROW HER A HUGE PARTY TO CELEBRATE.


MOM
YOU'RE SUCH A SLEEPYHEAD, KANAKO.
GAH
YOU'RE MY MOTHER, THE MOTHER WHO DIED WHEN I WAS SO YOUNG THAT I BARELY HAVE EVEN HAZY MEMORIES OF HER!
JUMP
DIDN'T YOU JUST LOOK AT MY PICTURE IN THE FAMILY ALBUM, KANAKO?
LURCH
HONK
KANAKO.
SHOOO
WAKE UP, KANAKO...
HM...?

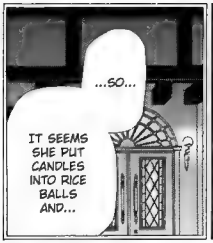

MOM
THIS STONE BODY OF MINE WAS DRAWN TOO LARGE AT FIRST AND I NEEDED TO GET DOWN TO YOUR LEVEL. IT WAS NECESSARY TO LOSE THE EXTRA WEIGHT QUICKLY, SO I ADDED IN SOME LIGHT BANTER, KANAKO.
TO GET RID OF SCORCHED FOOD IN YOUR POTS, ADD WATER AND BAKING SODA AND BRING IT TO A BOIL.
THEN, LET IT SIT AND SOAK WHILE IT COOLS. AFTER THAT, YOU CAN WASH IT, KANAKO.
YOU DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS TOO OFF-TOPIC?! AND WILL YOU CUT IT OUT WITH ADDING "KANAKO" ONTO THE END OF YOUR SENTENCES? IT JUST SOUNDS MEAN!!
WHA?! WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY APPEARING LIKE THIS AND GIVING ME LIFE TIPS?!

AND HERE I WAS JUST ABOUT TO PUT AN END TO OUR FIGHT ONCE AND FOR ALL...
HUH? WAS I SLEEPING ...?
!!
LURCH-
WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN MORE FAIR TO RAISE ME UP TO YOUR LEVEL?!
AND IN FIVE MINUTES, IT WON'T BE MY BIRTHDAY ANYMORE.
11:55...?
MAN... IT'S ALREADY PAST LIGHTS OUT...
HUH?

I MISSED DINNER...
I WONDER IF ANYONE DROPPED ANY TARO OR POTATOES OR POTATO CHIPS IN THE CAFETERIA...
CLICK
AND JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
EEK!!
THEE

H-H-H-HOUSE MOTHER?!
WHAT'S WRONG, MIYAMAE-SAN?
Y-Y-Y-YOUR FACE, IT'S--!!
THAT'S RIGHT. JUST ADDING A LITTLE DRAMA.
SINCE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD ON YOUR HOMEWORK, I BROUGHT YOU YOUR DINNER.

ALTHOUGH YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY CAKE UNTIL YOU FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK...
...THESE ARE...
...BIIIRTHDAY RIIICE BAAALLS.
SO, IT'S OKAY.


...SO...
IT SEEMS SHE PUT CANDLES INTO RICE BALLS AND...

NOW, COME ON. BLOW OUT THE CANDLES.
SOB
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SOB
HOUSE MOTHER... HNNG...!

ALTHOUGH SHE CAN'T HAVE HER BIRTHDAY CAKE UNTIL SHE FINISHES HER HOMEWORK...
...THOSE ARE BIIIRTHDAY RIIICE BAAALLS.
SO, IT'S OKAY.

MIYAMAE-SAN, YOU REALLY ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH KIND ROOMMATES.
IS THIS A JOKE?
FFFFF
HEH

MARIYA-SAN, HERE...
IS THIS THAT LETTER YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THAT YOUR FATHER SENT TO KANAKO?
YES.
BUT I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT LETTING SOMEONE AS IRRESPONSIBLE AS HER READ IT RIGHT NOW...
SO, WILL YOU KEEP IT FOR ME?
I'LL LEAVE IT UP TO YOU TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO GIVE IT TO HER.
...SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
NOTHING...
I DON'T KNOW...
I DIDN'T ASK FOR SOMETHING AS ANNOYING AS THIS TO BE SHOVED ON ME...
THUD

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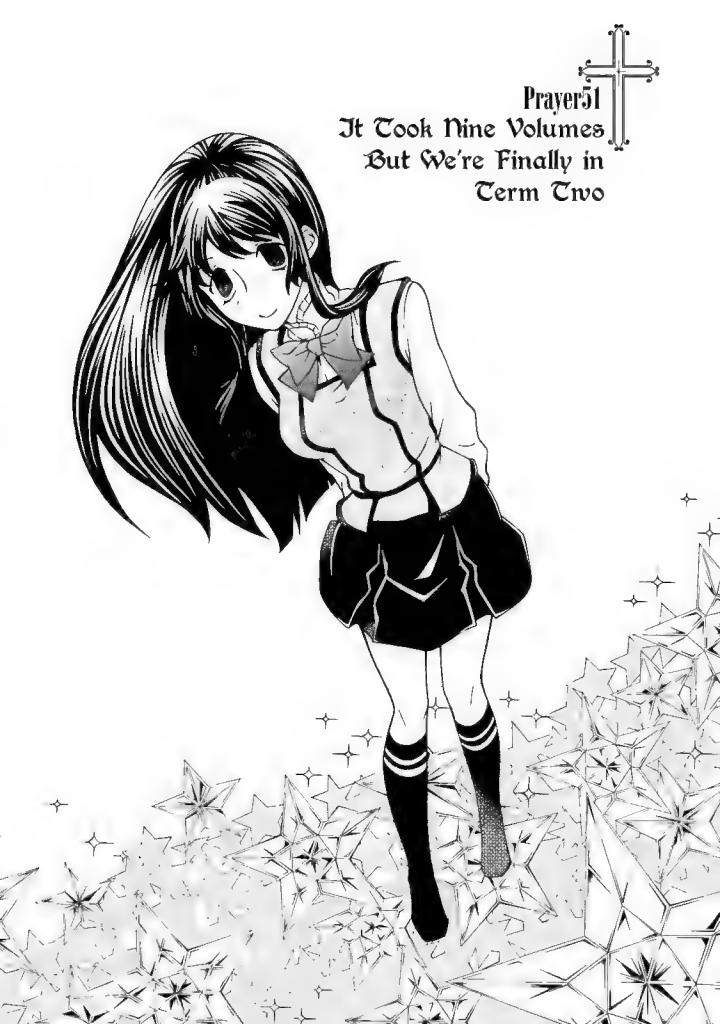
It Took Nine Volumes But We're Finally in Term Two



DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
OUR SUMMER VACATION, WHICH FELT LONG SOMETIMES AND SHORT AT OTHERS, HAS COME TO AN END.
THE SECOND TERM STARTS TODAY.
AND NOW...
PLEASE GIVE A GREAT ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO ALL OUR STUDENTS WHO PERFORMED WELL IN THE SUMMER TOURNAMENTS!!
表彰状

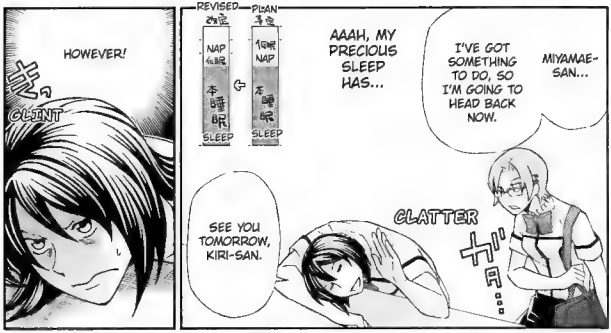
Guess the world is always beautiful when you see things through "good girl" eyes...
THAT'S TRUE! EVERYONE WHO TRIES THEIR HARDEST IS A WINNER!!
WHAT? THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I MEANT...
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT THE AMOUNT THAT COUNTS.
SHIDOU-SAN GOT THREE MEDALS, HUH?
HeeHee
I HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS ICHIRO'S PRO-BASEBALL BATTING RECORD.
SO, 38.7 PERCENT THEN?
BY THE WAY, KANAKO-CHAN, DID YOU EVER FINISH YOUR SUMMER HOMEWORK?
WELL, SINCE WE HAVE TO HAND IT IN CLASS BY CLASS STARTING TOMORROW, I MADE A CHART FOR SATURDAY THAT SHOULD ALLOW ME TO COMPLETE IT ALL ON TIME.
SINCE I BARELY GOT ANY SLEEP YESTERDAY, I'M PLANNING ON GETTING A LOT OF REST TODAY.
YAWN
FROM AN OUTSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE, I HAVE TO SAY THAT IS FAR FROM COMPLETE. HOW DO SEE YOUR CHANCES OF COMPLETING IT ALL?
AND BY THE WAY, ICHIRO HAS HIT 12 HOME RUNS THIS SEASON.

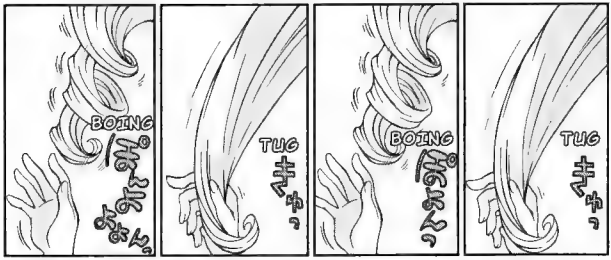
I DON'T NEED TO FEAR HOMEWORK ANYMORE!!
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
I TRULY DID THINK LIKE THIS AT THAT TIME...
THAT IS HOW I'D LIKE TO THINK OF IT.
WELL... I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU'RE ALMOST FINISHED.
SATURDAY?
Great, a very nice response.
STARTING TOMORROW, LET'S ALL WORK OUR HARDEST IN CLASS!
AND WITH THAT, YOU ARE DISMISSED FOR TODAY.
TOMORROW 11:00
2-A
OKAY!

Oh.
FROM ONE O'CLOCK, THERE WILL BE A CLASS MEETING.
I'D LIKE MIYAMAE-SAN AND KIRI-SAN TO TELL ME WHAT IS DISCUSSED LATER.
HUH?
TERM TWO HAS A LOT GOING ON, SO JUST CONFIRMING SCHEDULED EVENTS WILL TAKE UP A LOT OF TIME.
ERRR
PUSH
But...
BUT, I HAVE HOMEWORK TO...

MULTIPURPOSE CLASSROOM A
AND AT NOON, I WAS GOING TO TAKE MY NAP!!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?! I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A LIGHT LUNCH IN THE CAFETERIA AND THEN GO BACK TO THE DORMS.

AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO CONCLUDE TODAY'S CLASS MEETING.
LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS A GREAT TERM.
CURRENT TIME
14:00


HOWEVER!
GLINT
REVISED PLAN
NAP
SLEEP
NAP
SLEEP
AAAH, MY PRECIOUS SLEEP HAS...
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO, SO I'M GOING TO HEAD BACK NOW.
MIYAMAE-SAN...
SEE YOU TOMORROW, KIRI-SAN.
CLATTER


BOING
TUG
BOING
TUG

LOVEY-DOVEY
SQUEE
SQUEE
HEH. NOTHING, NOTHING AT ALL.
OH...
WHAT IS IT, NATSUKI?
LOVEY-DOVEY

JUST SEEING THAT ONE SHINING MOMENT MADE COMING TO THIS MEETING WELL WORTH IT...
OH MY...
HEH
MARVELOUS...
SQUEE SQUEE
キャッキャッ
THUD
I'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS I JUST CUT BACK MY NAP.
SMALL CHANGES IN PLANS OF THIS NATURE ARE TO BE EXPECTED.
SLEEP
NAP
MATH 2
CLASSIC LIT.
・変更点・
クラス委員会(待機時間込み)
120分 in
仮眠ナシ
120分 out
Changes made:
Class meeting (with waiting time) add 120 min.
Nap time minus 120 min
THERE YOU ARE, KANAKO-CHAN-SENPAI!
HELLO!
AU?

SQUEE
KOMACHI-CHAN. OH, BLESS THE VIRGIN MARY TO BE ABLE TO RUN INTO YOU!
WIGGLE
FEELS LIKE FATE TO ME, TOO.
knock!
WIGGLE
OH DEAR, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT.
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO OUT SHOPPING FOR SUPPLIES FOR THE ARCHERY CLUB AND REALLY NEED SOMEONE TO HELP ME CARRY EVERYTHING.
IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY, WOULD YOU MIND GOING WITH ME?

WHOA
YOU WANT ME...
...TO GO SHOPPING WITH YOU...?!
BUT I'VE ALREADY CUT MY NAP TIME DOWN TO UNDER AN HOUR.
THIS IS SUCH A SWEET OPPORTUNITY.
NAP 仮眠 SLEEP 本睡眠

ALTHOUGH IT SUCKS, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GO WITH HER.
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE DORMS, TAKE A QUICK NAP, AND WORK ON MY HOMEWORK...
SLUMP
YOU CAN'T GO...CAN YOU?

IT'S FINE.
THERE'S STILL TIME I CAN SHAVE OFF MY SCHEDULE!
WHAT?
TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH!
HUH?
OF COURSE I CAN GO!!
SPURT
DASH
WHERE ARE WE GOING? AMERICA? COSTA RICA?
I'LL GO WHEREVER YOU GO!!
THANK YOU FOR COMING WITH ME, KANAKO-CHAN-SENPAI.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD'VE BROUGHT ALL THIS BACK BY MYSELF.
FLUMP
FLUMP
CURRENT TIME
16:00
TRAINING HALL

A DATING CONSULTANT ON TV SAID SOMETHING LAST WEEK.
SHE SAID, THE QUICKEST WAY TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE IS TO CREATE MORE MEMORIES OF YOU DOING SOMETHING WITH JUST THAT PERSON.
JUST GETTING ONE FOOT IN THE DOOR WITH KOMACHI WAS WELL WORTH LOSING SOME SLEEP TIME.
SLEEP
ENGLISH
MATH
P.E.
CLASS
LUNCH
ENGLISH
BATH
Changes Made.
Time with Komachi add 120 min
nap minus 60 min sleep minus 60 min
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I'M AL... SO...
I'M ALSO HAPPY... THAT I COULD GO SHOPPING... WITH YOU, KOMACHI-CHAN...
STAGGER
STAGGER
Really?
I'M SO HAPPY YOU SAID THAT. ♡
STAGGER
STAGGER
It was kinda unfair.
WAS THERE A PURPOSE BESIDES FAN SERVICE FOR THAT CLOSE-UP SHOT OF YOU JUST NOW?
THERE YOU ARE, MARIYA-SAN.
KANAKO-SAN...
I'M REALLY HAPPY YOU WERE ABLE TO HELP, BUT IS YOUR HOMEWORK GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?
HOME-WORK?

I KNOW, I KNOW. YOU MAY CALL ME REVERSE OPERATION QUEEN KANAKO IF YOU'D LIKE. SORRY, BUT I NEED TO BE ON MY WAY NOW. I CAN'T STAY AROUND AND CHAT.
FOR SATURDAY... OH, SO I ASSUME YOU'VE ALREADY GOT WHAT YOU NEED FOR TOMORROW READY?
Ciao!
睡眠 SLEEP
その他 OTHER
宿題にかかる時間 TIME FOR HOME-WORK
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY YOURSELF OVER THAT. I'VE ALREADY CALCULATED AND MADE PLANS FOR GETTING MY HOMEWORK DONE.
SURE, I HAD TO GET RID OF MY NAP TIME AND EVEN SHAVE OFF A BIT OF TIME I COULD HAVE USED SLEEPING TONIGHT...
...BUT I WAS STILL ABLE TO SET ASIDE THE 9.5 HOURS I NEED TO FINISH ALL HOMEWORK THAT NEEDS TO BE HANDED IN SATURDAY.
NAP 仮眠 SLEEP 本睡 DR
NAP 仮眠 SLEEP 本睡 DR
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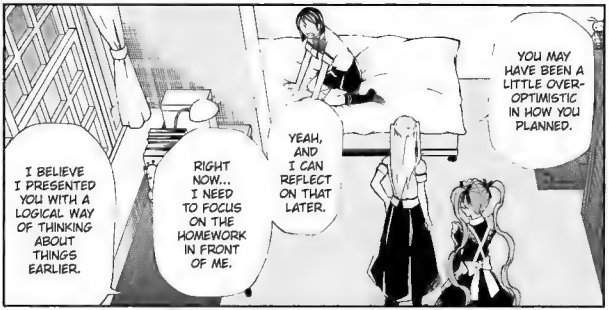
改定 REV.SION
ALTHOUGH... IT WOULD BE RECKLESS TO TAKE ON SUCH A DEMANDING AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK GIVEN THE STATE OF EXHAUSTION I AM CURRENTLY IN FROM NOT RESTING YESTERDAY...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO CHANGE SOME OF THE REMAINING SLEEP TIME I HAVE INTO NAP TIME...
MIYAMAE-KUN!!
WHAT?

That has to be handed in two days from now...
提出おっそ～だから…
I DON'T HAVE TO DO MODERN JAPANESE HOMEWORK TODAY...
HUH? NO, I'M GOOD.
CRAP! I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT!!
WHY IS FATHER KANAE SHOWING UP NOW ?!
WHAT A PITY THAT YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY HAD TO BE CANCELED YESTERDAY.
なぜ？
Why?!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED IT YET?!
AS THE TEACHER OF MODERN JAPANESE, I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO FEEL FREE TO ASK ME ABOUT ANYTHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
...WERE YOU ABLE TO FINISH ALL YOUR HOMEWORK?
OH, WHY...
WHY DID I LEAVE HER ALONE YESTERDAY AFTER I SAW THAT HER HOMEWORK WAS NOWHERE NEAR FINISHED?
IT SOUNDS FINE IF I THINK OF IT AS LETTING HER MAKE DECISIONS INDEPENDENTLY...
...BUT FROM MY STANDPOINT AS AN EDUCATOR, IT SIMPLY SOUNDS LIKE I WAS NEGLECTING MY DUTIES.
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S MY FAULT THAT MIYAMAE-KUN HASN'T COMPLETED HER HOMEWORK!!

I'VE GOT TO BE THE ONE TO FINISH THIS!
ALLOW ME TO GUIDE YOU WHILE YOU DO YOUR MODERN JAPANESE HOMEWORK!
ARGH!!
NOW, LET'S HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE STAFF ROOM!!
LET GO OF ME! I TOLD YOU, I DON'T HAVE TO DO MODERN JAPANESE TODAY!
ARGH! MY HIVES!
FATHER KANAE CONTINUED GIVING ME DETAILED EXPLANATIONS CONCERNING MY HOMEWORK...
...UNTIL LONG AFTER THE SUN WENT DOWN.
The type of teacher who pesters you whether you get the answer right or wrong.
YES... AND WHY DO YOU THINK HE FELT LIKE THAT?
THAT WASN'T JUST MEANT LIKE THE BEST ANSWER
IT WENT ON UNTIL JUST BEFORE LIGHTS OUT AT THE DORMS...
CURRENT TIME
23:00
CLICK
ARGH
I'M BACK...
FLOP
Welcome back.
IT WASN'T ANY-THING ...
DAMMIT! HE MADE ME MISS DINNER.
SO HOW WAS YOUR LESSON WITH FATHER KANAE?
Anyone not back at the dorms by 7PM will not be having dinner, no exceptions~!

WHAT AM I GONNA DO NOW?
EVEN IF I PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FINISH MY HOMEWORK.
残り時間は 8時間30分
REMAINING TIME: 8.5 HOURS
9.5 hours needed to complete homework
※宿題に必要な時間は 9時間30分


YOU MAY HAVE BEEN A LITTLE OVER-OPTIMISTIC IN HOW YOU PLANNED.
YEAH, AND I CAN REFLECT ON THAT LATER.
RIGHT NOW... I NEED TO FOCUS ON THE HOMEWORK IN FRONT OF ME.
I BELIEVE I PRESENTED YOU WITH A LOGICAL WAY OF THINKING ABOUT THINGS EARLIER.

YES, THAT EVEN THE GREATEST OF ATHLETES ONLY USE 80 PERCENT OF THEIR STRENGTH UNTIL THEY REACH A CRITICAL MOMENT IN THEIR GAME.
...WHICH MEANS, I SHOULD BE FINE WITH 40 PERCENT, RIGHT?
WHAT?
TO FULLY COMPLETE MY HOMEWORK, I NEED AROUND 9.5 HOURS.
HOWEVER, DUE TO A CERTAIN CHAIN OF EVENTS, I HAVE LESS THAN 8 HOURS.
I CAN'T GO WITHOUT BREAKFAST OR A SHOWER, FOR SURE. AND TO KEEP MY SKIN HEALTHY, I NEED TO SLEEP AT LEAST A LITTLE.
YOU KNOW, BEING A PRETTY YOUNG WOMAN AND ALL.

.....
WOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT AN IDIOT I WAS BEING!!
I MEAN, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THE BAD GRADES I'VE GOTTEN UP TO NOW, IT'S NOT GOING TO MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE.
IF I COME ACROSS A DIFFICULT QUESTION AND DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER, I CAN JUST LEAVE THAT SPACE BLANK.
AH!
BUT, WHO EVER SAID I HAD TO ANSWER EVERY SINGLE QUESTION ON THE HOMEWORK PAGES?
CLATTER
IT WAS A LONG AND HARD BATTLE, BUT...
HEH... HEH...
THE MORNING SUN IS SO BRIGHT.
CLUNK
DEPART TIME
07:20
...JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT AT THIS POINT.
HEH HEH★ I'M GONNA GO TAKE A SHOWER!
THAT'LL REFRESH ME!
WAVE
I-it-it-it!
WELL, MY PLAN OF 40 PERCENT DIDN'T WORK OUT, SO I ACTUALLY ONLY ENDED UP DOING 30 PERCENT. BUT WITH THIS, I CAN GO TO SCHOOL FEELING TRIUMPHANT!
CHIRP
CHIRP CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP CHIRP
That's NOT flattened at all!
HOW CAN YOU FEEL TRIUMPHANT OVER 30 PERCENT?
HEY, YOU'RE A BIG STAR IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IF YOU HIT THE BALL 30 PERCENT OF THE TIME.

MARIYA-SAN...
I THINK MY HEART HAS CAUGHT A COLD AND I'LL BE UNABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL TODAY...
YOU'RE FINE. YOUR COMPLEXION LOOKS PRETTY GOOD, ACTUALLY.
IT MUST BE THE SHOWER YOU TOOK LAST NIGHT TO REFRESH YOURSELF.
ALTHOUGH I WILL MOST CERTAINLY DO MY BEST WHEN THE TIME COMES NEXT YEAR, IT SEEMS TO BE GAME OVER FOR ME THIS YEAR.

TODAY IS FRIDAY.
WHAT?
SATUR-DAY?
I CAN'T REALLY CHANGE YOUR OPINION, BUT AT LEAST I HAVE TODAY'S HOMEWORK COMPLETED. SATURDAY HERE I COME...

I GUESS IT'S UNDER-STANDABLE SINCE YOU WERE GOING TO SUMMER CLASSES ALMOST EVERY DAY.
WHAA...
...AAAA?
WHA?
WHAT? HUH?
YOU MUST HAVE YOUR DAYS ALL MIXED UP BECAUSE OF SUMMER VACATION.

THIS MORNING, I FINALLY REALIZED...
...THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO SUMMER HOMEWORK LITTLE BY LITTLE.
SLUMP
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
BUT THAT'S ...
IT CAN'T BE...

MARIA HOLIC

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Prayer52
Renewing Vows and Diving into Autumn

THE FALL OF EATING
POTATO CHIPS JAPAN PO
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
WHRR WHRR
BZZZ BZZZ BZZZ
THE FALL OF SPORTS
THE FALL OF READING
AUTUMN BOMBSHELL NISHIDA RIO
NATURAL BODY KA MARINA
FLIP

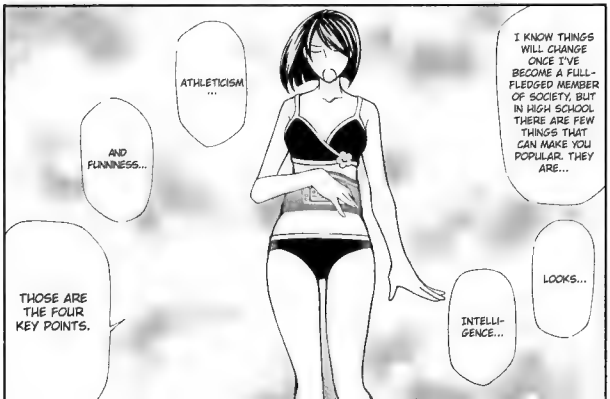
SO SORRY THAT I'M ENJOYING FALL BEFORE YOU TWO EVEN GET A CHANCE TO!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

Hey!!
AREN'T YOU EVER GOING TO LOOK AT ME AND SAY SOMETHING?!
FALL IS LOOKING GOOD ALREADY.
LOTS OF GOOD THINGS HAPPENING LEADING UP TO WINTER.
GRRN
ON OCTOBER 14TH, OUR SHORT TERM BOND OF 2 BILLION EUROS WILL MATURE...
ON OCTOBER 20TH, OUR SHORT TERM BOND OF 2 BILLION EUROS WILL...
ON NOVEMBER 11TH, OUR SHORT TERM BOND OF 2 BILLION EUROS WILL...
ON NOVEMBER 18TH, OUR SHORT TERM BOND OF 1.6 BILLION EUROS WILL...

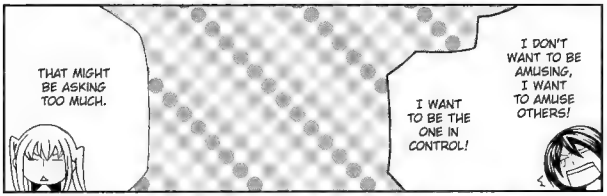
ばーん
TA-DAH
COMEDY ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE JUST SOMEONE DOING SOMETHING STUPID!
IT'S THE WITTY COMEBACKS THAT INDUCE THE CHEMICAL REACTION OF LAUGHING FROM WHAT HAS BEEN LEFT UNSAID!
JUST LOOK AT ME OVER HERE! I'M FUNNY, AREN'T I?!
IT'S UP TO YOU TO MAKE ME SHINE EVEN BRIGHTER!!
I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON THE PERSON AS TO WHETHER THEY FIND SOMETHING FUNNY OR...
...SIMPLY UNPLEAS-ANT.
THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR HOW DIFFERENT PEOPLE ENJOY THE AUTUMN SEASON...

CRUNCH CRUNCH
TO TOP IT OFF, I WAS DOING ALL THESE SO-CALLED "FALL THINGS" WHILE WEARING A BIKINI AND ACTING LIKE AN ANGEL OF SUMMER!!
POTATO CHIPS MADE IN JAPAN
AND NO ONE WOULD EVER CALL USING AN AB MACHINE "SPORTS"!!
PLUS, WHILE I WAS PRETENDING TO DO SOMETHING DIET-RELATED, I WAS CHOWING DOWN ON POTATO CHIPS!!
WHAT I CALLED READING WAS BASICALLY JUST A BUNCH OF TITTY PHOTOS!!
POINT

AND YET, THERE'S NOTHING EVEN CLOSE TO BEING AS PATHETIC AS SOMEONE WHO HAS TO EXPLAIN THEIR OWN JOKES.
THERE WERE JUST SO MANY THINGS YOU COULD'VE POKED FUN AT!!


I KNOW THINGS WILL CHANGE ONCE I'VE BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF SOCIETY, BUT IN HIGH SCHOOL THERE ARE FEW THINGS THAT CAN MAKE YOU POPULAR. THEY ARE...
ATHLETICISM...
AND FUNNINESS...
LOOKS...
INTELLI-GENCE...
THOSE ARE THE FOUR KEY POINTS.

I'M AN IDIOT WHO HAS ABSOLUTELY NO SKILL WHEN IT COMES TO SPORTS...
...WHICH MEANS THAT ALL I CAN DO IS STRIVE TO BE FUNNY!!
HAH
OH, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU ARE AMUSING ENOUGH AS IT IS.
BZZZ BZZZ


I DON'T WANT TO BE AMUSING, I WANT TO AMUSE OTHERS!
I WANT TO BE THE ONE IN CONTROL!
THAT MIGHT BE ASKING TOO MUCH.

I WANNA BE POPULAR.
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S STUPID, I JUST DO.
ROLL
AND, I WANT TO EAT MESSILY ALL THE TIME.
YOU TALK ABOUT HOW POPULAR YOU WANT TO BE FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT THIS IS PRETTY SLEAZY EVEN FOR YOU.
DID YOU GIVE UP ON FINDING THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?

WE WANT TO EAT SUSHI AND RAMEN AND STEAK AND CAKE AND SO MUCH MORE...
THERE'S A COLLECTIVE VIEW AMONG WOMEN.
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WOMEN ARE SELFISH AND HAVE A SEPARATE STOMACH FOR LOVE OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE?
WHIRL
THE LOVE YOU FIND IN SUMMER IS MERELY A FLAME THAT BURNS OUT IN AN INSTANT.
BUT THE LOVE YOU FIND IN FALL IS DIFFERENT.
THE LOVE YOU FIND IN FALL LEADS INTO WHO YOU SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH.
IF YOU GET A LATE START, YOU'LL JUST END UP SPENDING CHRISTMAS CRYING ALONE!!
HUH?
...AND FALL IS LOVE'S MAIN STAGE.
CLICK CLICK
IS THAT SO...?
CLICK
CLICK
YOUR LUCKY LOVE CHANCE IS JUST LYING IN WAIT!
PLUS, THE FALL IS JAM-PACKED WITH EVENTS!!

...DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN, JUST LOOK AT HOW SERIOUS I AM ABOUT ALL THIS.
...HUH? AREN'T YOU GOING TO CHIME IN ABOUT HOW THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A BOILED POTATO PARTY?
CLICK CLICK
C'MON... YOU'RE MAKING ME SAD.
YOU REALLY ARE...
CLICK CLICK
COMING UP NEXT, THE SPORTS FESTIVAL.
IT'S TIME TO START LOVE'S COUNTDOWN.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL!!
YOU AIM FOR VICTORY WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FALL IN LOVE!
OR YOU MEET A WORTHY OPPONENT AND FALL IN LOVE!!

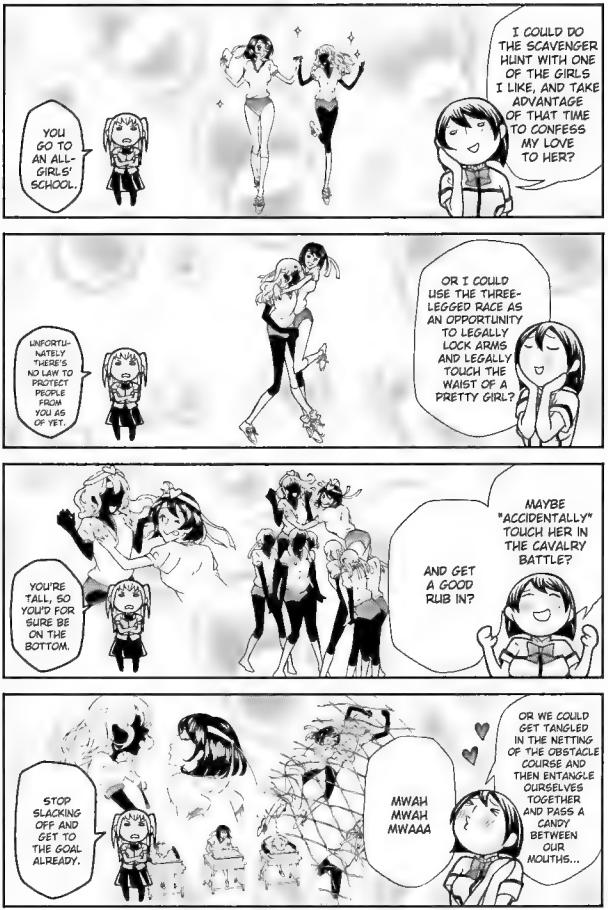
THE CLOTHES CHANGE!!
SOMEONE SEES THE BRAND NEW YOU AND THEY FALL IN LOVE!

THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL!!
YOU WORK HARD PREPARING WITH YOUR CLASSMATES AND FALL IN LOVE!
OR YOU MEET SOMEONE NEW VISITING FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL AND YOU FALL IN LOVE!

THE BOILED POTATO PARTY!!
YOU BOIL POTATOES TOGETHER AND FALL IN LOVE!!
GLURP
GLURP
GLURP
GLURP

Prayer53
The Sports Festival Tastes Like Honey

DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
THE SPORTS FESTIVAL IS GOING TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK.
THE TEN EVENTS WE'LL BE PICKING TODAY ARE LISTED ON THE BOARD.
ANY EVENT THAT HAS TOO MANY PEOPLE WANTING TO JOIN WILL BE DECIDED BY ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS.
AND NOW, WE'LL DECIDE WHO'S GOING TO BE PARTICIPATING IN EACH EVENT FROM OUR CLASS.
THREE-LEGGED RACE, SCAVENGER HUNT, CAVALRY BATTLE, OBSTACLE COURSE...
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE ALL OF THE IDEAL EVENTS.
NOW, JUST WHAT DO I WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN?


YOU GO TO AN ALL-GIRLS' SCHOOL.
I COULD DO THE SCAVENGER HUNT WITH ONE OF THE GIRLS I LIKE, AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT TIME TO CONFESS MY LOVE TO HER?
UNFORTU-NATELY THERE'S NO LAW TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM YOU AS OF YET.
OR I COULD USE THE THREE-LEGGED RACE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEGALLY LOCK ARMS AND LEGALLY TOUCH THE WAIST OF A PRETTY GIRL?
YOU'RE TALL, SO YOU'D FOR SURE BE ON THE BOTTOM.
AND GET A GOOD RUB IN?
MAYBE "ACCIDENTALLY" TOUCH HER IN THE CAVALRY BATTLE?
STOP SLACKING OFF AND GET TO THE GOAL ALREADY.
MWAH MWAH MWAAA
OR WE COULD GET TANGLED IN THE NETTING OF THE OBSTACLE COURSE AND THEN ENTANGLE OURSELVES TOGETHER AND PASS A CANDY BETWEEN OUR MOUTHS...

I WONDER WHAT EACH OF THE GIRLS I LIKE WILL CHOOSE...
OH MAN...
SRUUURT
MIYAMAE-SAN?!
DRIP
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT A TRACK EVENT, I SEE NOTHING BUT HAPPY ENDINGS FOR ME!
YOU'VE GOT THE TUG-OF-WAR, THE CENTIPEDE RACE, BALLOON BURSTING...

YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.
KIRI-SAN... WHAT DID I... WHAT DID I END UP BEING PICKED FOR...?
THE 1000 METER RACE.
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OH...
A TRACK EVENT, THE TYPE OF EVENT WHERE THERE'S NO HOPE OF HAVING ANY BODILY CONTACT WITH OTHER COMPETITORS.
AND TO TOP IT OFF, IT HAPPENS TO BE THE EVENT THAT THAT REQUIRES THE MOST PHYSICAL ENDURANCE...
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
MY SPORTS FESTIVAL HAS ENDED BEFORE IT EVEN BEGAN.
SO THE SPORTS FESTIVAL ENDED UP BEING JUST A SHORT-LIVED FANTASY LIKE A MIRAGE YOU SEE ON HOT, HAZY DAYS...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MIYAMAE-SAN?
...AND SHE STARTED SAYING EVEN GLOOMIER THINGS AFTER THAT, MARIYA-SAN.
THINKING IT OVER, HAVING SUCH A LONG DISTANCE TO RUN GIVES ME PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO OPENLY STARE AT THE ASS OF WHATEVER GIRL IS RUNNING IN FRONT OF ME.
I JUST NEEDED TO USE REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY!
YOU REALLY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENT OF EVEN TRYING TO WIN, DO YOU?
IF I CAN GRAB ONTO THE BEST ASS IN THE RACE, THEN THAT IS TOTALLY A WIN!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

TRY NOT TO BOTHER THE NEIGHBORS TOO MUCH.
AND THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA GO DO SOME WARM-UP RUNS!
OF COURSE, BEING A CARD-CARRYING MEMBER OF THE "GO-HOME" CLUB, I'M BARELY ABLE TO WALK FAST, LET ALONE RUN. THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP WITH THE TAILS I WANT TO CHASE.
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I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW USELESS MY OWN BODY IS...
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN GONE FIVE MINUTES...
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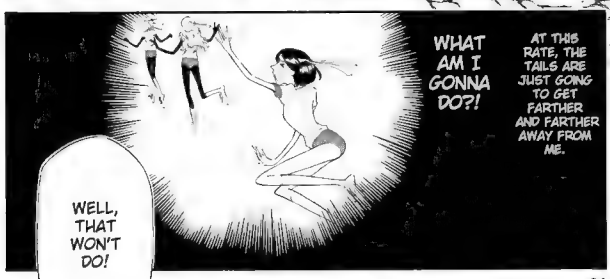
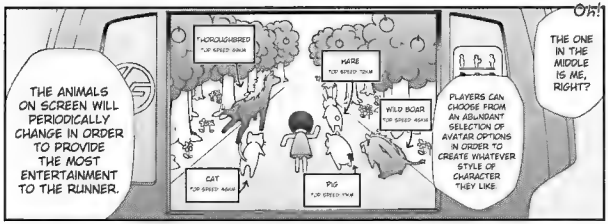
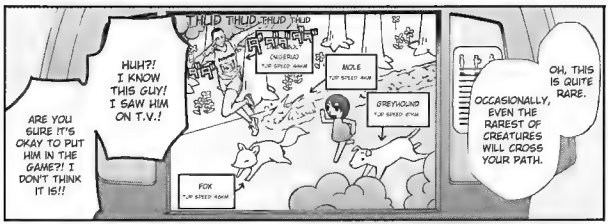

WELL, THAT WON'T DO!
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?!
AT THIS RATE, THE TAILS ARE JUST GOING TO GET FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY FROM ME.

OH, GOD YES COACH!
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO GET BACK YOUR SHINE FOR ONCE, BRAVE MIYAMAE KANAKO?
...KANAKO ISN'T EVEN A PRACTICE SWORD MADE OF BLACK SAND, LET ALONE A GREAT SWORD.
NOPE, NOT EVEN WORTH HITTING SOMETHING WITH JUST TO TEST THE BLADE OUT.
EVEN THE GREATEST OF SWORDS WILL RUST OVER AND DULL IF YOU NEGLECT THEM...
COACH?!
COACH?
THIS SHOULD KEEP HER QUIET FOR A WHILE.
ONE THING FOR SURE IS THAT THE HOUSE MOTHER WAS OBVIOUSLY LOOKING FOR A PROJECT TO KILL TIME...
HOUSE MOTH- I MEAN, COACH.
DID YOU JUST COMPLETELY SWITCH CHARACTER TYPES?
I PREPARED A SUPER AMAZING SPECIAL TOOL JUST FOR YOU, MIYAMAE-SAN!
WELL, ONE MUSTN'T REMAIN IN THE PAST FOREVER.

Um...
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS'LL KEEP ME MOTIVATED. I MEAN, WITH A TREADMILL, THE SCENERY NEVER CHANGES. AND THERE'S NO ONE TO RUN WITH YOU OR AGAINST AND...
OH, DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT. IT COMES WITH FEATURES THAT EVEN SELFISH LITTLE YOU WILL ENJOY.
AND HERE IS THE PRODUCT I WAS TALKING ABOUT!
TA-DA
HUH? THE PRODUCT? THAT'S JUST A TREADMILL, ISN'T IT?
TA-DAH!
どうぶつの森
ANIMAL CROSSING
YUCK! THAT'S A HORRIBLE NICKNAME!
IN THIS GAME, "ANIMAL CROSSING," WHICH WE'LL CALL "MALING" FOR SHORT...
AS I WAS SAYING, IN "MALING," YOU WILL BE RUNNING THROUGH THE TYPE OF FOREST YOU'D FIND IN A FAIRYTALE, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER CUTE LITTLE CREATURES.
YOU'LL GET SUED, WON'T YOU?!
YOU'RE GONNA GET SUED BY THAT COMPANY, WHICH HAS SOME OF THE STRONGEST LAWYERS AROUND!
WHAT?! ARE YOU SURE THE NAME'S OKAY?!




ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY TO PUT HIM IN THE GAME?! I DON'T THINK IT IS!!
HUH?! I KNOW THIS GUY! I SAW HIM ON T.V.!
THUD THUD THUD THUD
CHIPMUNK
CHIPMUNK
CHIPMUNK

NO I HAVEN'T... I'VE RUN NON-STOP FOR A WEEK AND YET I'M STILL JUST A TEMPERED SWORD.
YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB AT GETTING YOUR TIME DOWN SO MUCH IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD
6 DAYS LATER...
6 MINUTES AND 35.6 SECONDS...
THE AVERAGE TIME FOR A 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS 5 MINUTES AND 3 (R) SECONDS AND I'M STILL A LONG WAY FROM THAT...
WHOOSH
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...TO ME?
WHAT'S HAPPENING
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M FINE
RIIIP
TEAR ROAR
SQUISH
CHOMP
TREMBLE
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TREMBLE
OH, SO THAT'S WHAT ALL YOUR LITTLE FOREST FRIENDS WERE RUNNING AWAY FROM.

I'LL GIVE IT
JUST AS I AM
ALL I'VE GOT
THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL

...DID KANAKO-SAMA...
...TAKE ANABOLIC STEROIDS OR...?
SOME-THING ELSE.
I CAN'T TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW, BUT SHE'S MOST DEFINITELY PUSHED HERSELF TO ANOTHER LEVEL.
I'LL BE ABLE TO GRAB ONE OF MY OPPONENTS AROUND THE WAIST EASILY NOW!!

KRACK-KOOM
HM?
I'M GOING TO GIVE EVERYTHING I'VE GOT IN TODAY'S SPORTS FES-
COACH, I HOPE YOU'LL WATCH OVER ME.
I CAN FEEL POWER FLOWING THROUGH MY BODY...

DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
ZZZSSSHHH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

...AND I WASN'T ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORTS FESTIVAL AT ALL.
AND I ENDED UP IN BED THE NEXT DAY, UNABLE TO MOVE, DUE TO THE SIDE EFFECTS OF UNDERGOING SUCH A RAPID TRANSFORMATION...
THE SPORTS FESTIVAL ENDED UP BEING POSTPONED TO THE NEXT DAY.
CANCELED I ASSUME?
...WHAT ABOUT THE SPORTS FESTIVAL?

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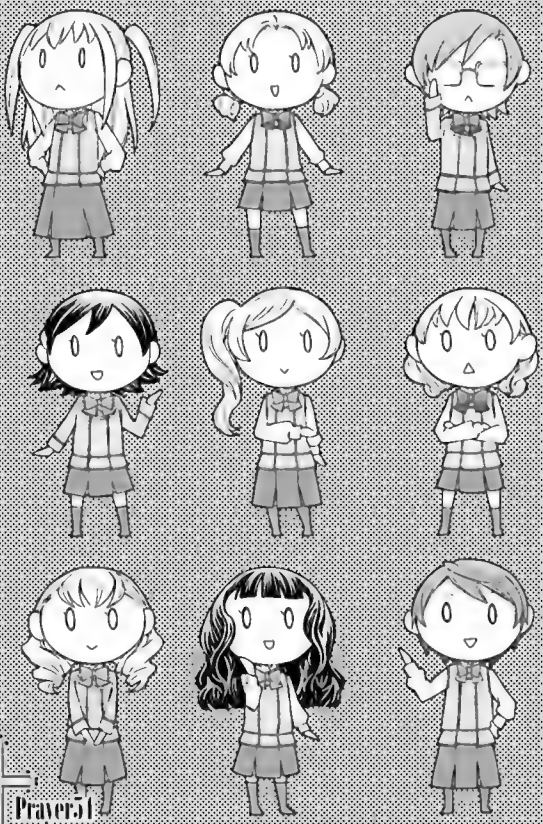
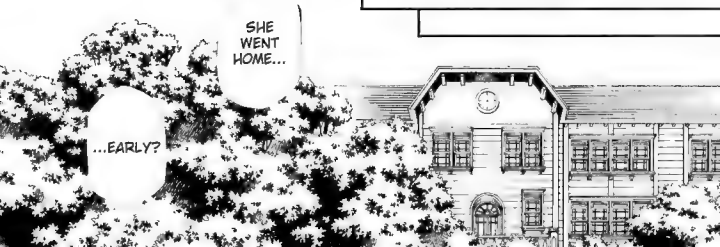


Prayer.1
Her Winter Clothes are Soaked in Tears

DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
I KNEW THIS DREADED DAY WOULD COME TOO SOON.
I THOUGHT I WAS READY.

I'M REALLY NOT...
MURMUR
MURMUR
BUT I'M NOT.
MURMUR


SHE WENT HOME...
...EARLY?

THAT WAS ESTAB-LISHED IN A PREVIOUS CHAPTER.
TCHAIKOV-
...OH, RIGHT.
IT SEEMS THAT HER SYMPTOMS ARE QUITE UNIQUE TO THE DISEASE...
YES.
HER TCHAIKOVSKY SYNDROME REARED ITS HEAD AND SHE KEPT PASSING OUT FROM THE NOSEBLEEDS IT CAUSED.

THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN A PREVIOUS CHAPTER.
BROTHER?
...OH, RIGHT.
I FEEL BAD ASKING THIS, BUT SINCE I (HER ALMOST OLDER BROTHER) CAN'T GO CHECK ON HER, WOULD YOU MIND DOING IT FOR ME?

COMPLAINING WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING, MATSURIKA.
DO WE HAVE A CHOICE?
THIS IS ANNOYING ...

I THINK SHE'S POSSESSED BY A DEMON, WHAT DO YOU THINK YONAKUNI-SAN?
WOOF...
SLAM
PHEW...
HOW IS SHE DOING?
WE HAD IT FORCED ON US TO COME CHECK ON HER DURING OUR LUNCH BREAK.
Hmm?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HOME SO EARLY, SHIDOU-SAN?
DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING IN YOUR ROOM?
OH?
DID YOU COME TO CHECK ON KANAKO-SAN AS WELL, HOUSE MOTHER?

I WONDER IF SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED TO HER...
HM, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE IT... SHE DOESN'T HAVE A FEVER AND ISN'T VOMITING OR ANYTHING. SHE JUST KEEPS MUMBLING IN THIS DELIRIOUS WAY...

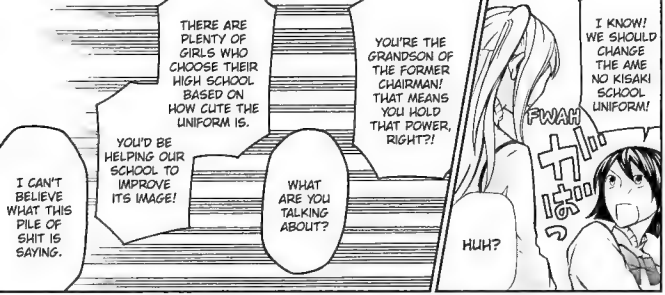
HEHE
HEHE
HEHE
HEHE
HEH
HEH
HEHE
HEH

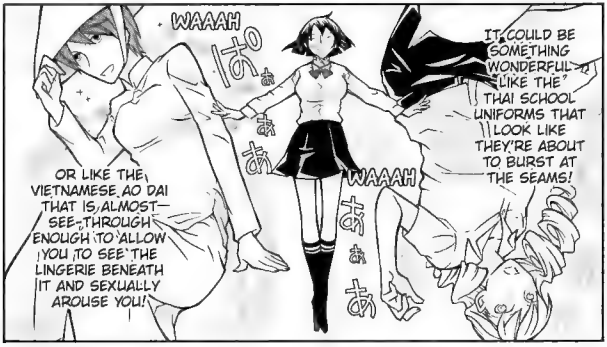
I'M NOT REALLY SEEING ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY MYSELF...
...HAVE ...
HUH?
...WHY ...

WHY DIDN'T I BURN THE HUES OF SUMMER INTO MY BRAIN WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE?
WHA?
LIKE HOW THE SUN REFLECTS OFF BARE UPPER ARMS...
...AND HOW YOU CAN EVER SO SLIGHTLY SEE THE CURVE OF AN ARMPIT.
NOT TO MENTION THE AS, BS, CS, DS...
...AND EVEN ES, FS AND GS YOU CAN SEE PRESSED AGAINST SHEER WHITE SHIRTS...
AND YUKATA! I DIDN'T GET TO GO TO ANY FIREWORKS FESTIVALS AND ADMIRE THE GIRLS IN THEIR YUKATA!

I JUST CAN'T ACCEPT IT...
NOT WHEN... NOT WHEN THIS WAS THE LAST CHANCE FOR ME TO PEER AT THE SENIORS' UPPER ARMS!!
HEY YOU!
WHAT KIND OF GOD ARE YOU TO POSSESS TRASH LIKE THIS?
I SEE THAT EVEN WHEN SPEAKING TO A GOD YOU CHOOSE NOT TO PRESENT YOURSELF FIRST, MAIRYA-SAMA.

AH...
...OUR UNIFORMS CHANGED TODAY...
YEAH... WE GET IT ALREADY. NOW GET BACK TO SCHOOL.


I KNOW! WE SHOULD CHANGE THE AME NO KISAKI SCHOOL UNIFORM!
FWAH
HUH?
YOU'RE THE GRANDSON OF THE FORMER CHAIRMAN! THAT MEANS YOU HOLD THAT POWER, RIGHT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THERE ARE PLENTY OF GIRLS WHO CHOOSE THEIR HIGH SCHOOL BASED ON HOW CUTE THE UNIFORM IS.
YOU'D BE HELPING OUR SCHOOL TO IMPROVE ITS IMAGE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT THIS PILE OF SHIT IS SAYING.


WAAAH
IT COULD BE SOMETHING WONDERFUL—LIKE THE THAI SCHOOL UNIFORMS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY'RE ABOUT TO BURST AT THE SEAMS!
WAAAH
OR LIKE THE VIETNAMESE AO DAI THAT IS ALMOST—SEE-THROUGH ENOUGH TO ALLOW YOU TO SEE THE LINGERIE BENEATH IT AND SEXUALLY AROUSE YOU!

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S SOME RULE FOR WHAT A SCHOOL UNIFORM HAS TO BE, IS THERE?
BAM
OH! AND THERE'S NO NEED TO STICK TO OUR PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS OF UNIFORMS!

YUZURU-SAN WOULD LOOK WONDERFUL IN A BUNNY GIRL OUTFIT.
YOU SWITCHED INTO TOP GEAR AWFULLY FAST.
AND I THINK SACHI-SAN WOULD LOOK GREAT IN AN APRON-STYLE DRESS.
IS THE DRESS INVISIBLE?

WEREN'T WE TALKING ABOUT SCHOOL UNIFORMS?
AND I'D LOVE TO BE ARRESTED BY HONOKA-SAN WEARING A POLICE OUTFIT.
YEAH, YOU CAN'T SEEM TO RESIST MUCH.
KIRI-SAN WOULD BE SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE AS A MAID WITH GLASSES.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME I SEWED HER MOUTH SHUT?
YEAH, WE DON'T KNOW IF STUPIDITY LIKE THAT IS CONTAGIOUS OR NOT.
REALLY, IT WOULD BE JUST BE WONDERFUL IF EVERYONE'S UNIFORM WAS CUSTOM-MADE!!
I AM A GENIUS!

HEY SHITHEAD, LUNCH IS OVER AND NOW IT'S TIME YOU GOT BACK TO CLASS.
MARIYA-SAMA, SHE'S STARTING TO ANNOY ME.
JUST IGNORE HER.
SNAP SNAP
SNAP SNAP
YEAH YEAH, YOU'RE ALWAYS THE HONOR-ROLL STUDENT, AREN'T YOU?
AND WELL, YOU, MARIYA, ARE A BOY, SO I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU WEAR.
BUT I WONDER, WHAT SHOULD I PUT YOU IN, MATSURIKA-SAN?
HEH HEH ...
SNAP
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DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
IN ORDER TO PERFORM MY DUTY AS A STUDENT, I RETURNED TO CLASS.
YET WITH HOW I FEEL, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FOCUS ON THE LECTURE...
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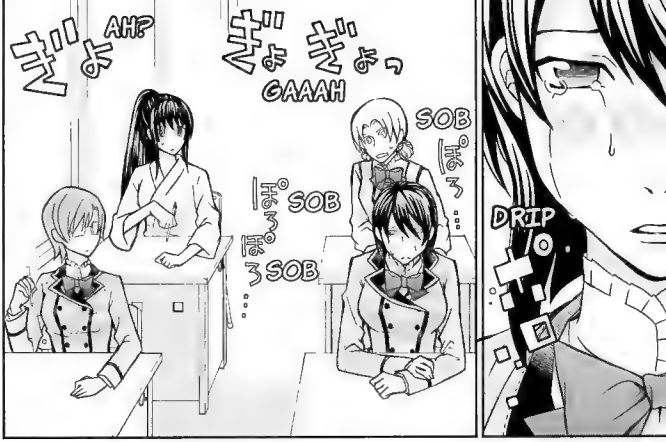
GLANCE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DRIP

TEACHER...
...DO YOU MIND IF WE TAKE HER?
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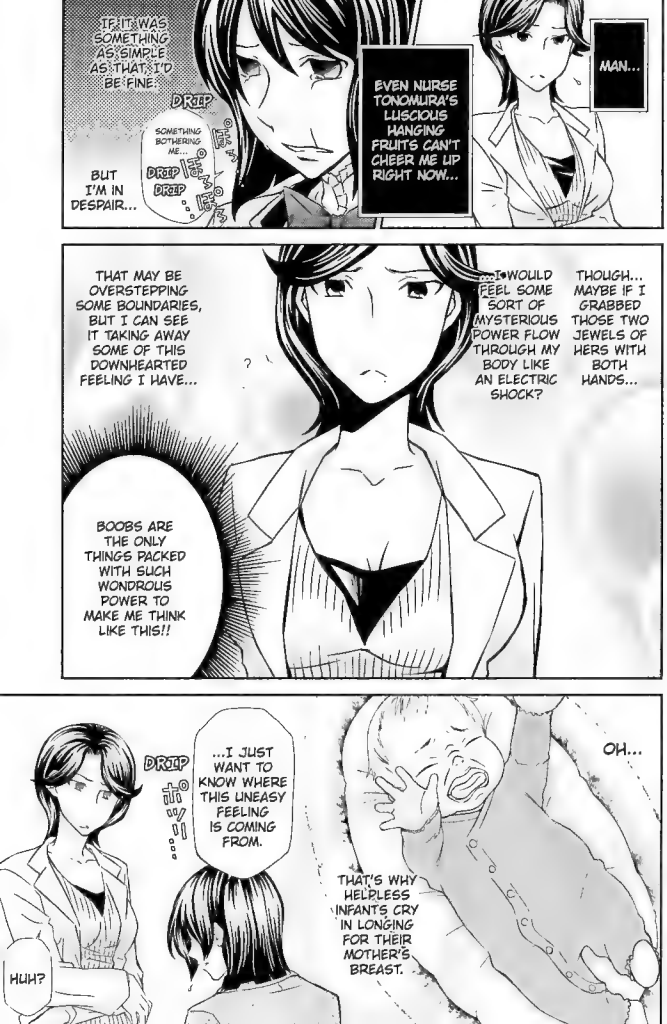
KANAKO-CHAN, ARE YOU STILL FEELING SICK?
Ka—
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF. LET'S JUST GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.

IF THERE'S SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU, YOU SHOULD TELL ME.
JUST CRYING DOESN'T HELP WITH ANYTHING, MIYAMAE-SAN.
NURSE'S OFFICE


IF IT WAS SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS THAT, I'D BE FINE.
DRIP
SOMETHING BOTHERING ME...
DRIP
DRIP
BUT I'M IN DESPAIR...
EVEN NURSE TONOMURA'S LUSCIOUS HANGING FRUITS CAN'T CHEER ME UP RIGHT NOW...
MAN...
THAT MAY BE OVERSTEPPING SOME BOUNDARIES, BUT I CAN SEE IT TAKING AWAY SOME OF THIS DOWNHEARTED FEELING I HAVE...
BOOBS ARE THE ONLY THINGS PACKED WITH SUCH WONDROUS POWER TO MAKE ME THINK LIKE THIS!!
...I WOULD FEEL SOME SORT OF MYSTERIOUS POWER FLOW THROUGH MY BODY LIKE AN ELECTRIC SHOCK?
THOUGH... MAYBE IF I GRABBED THOSE TWO JEWELS OF HERS WITH BOTH HANDS...
DRIP
...I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE THIS UNEASY FEELING IS COMING FROM.
HUH?
THAT'S WHY HELPLESS INFANTS CRY IN LONGING FOR THEIR MOTHER'S BREAST.
OH...

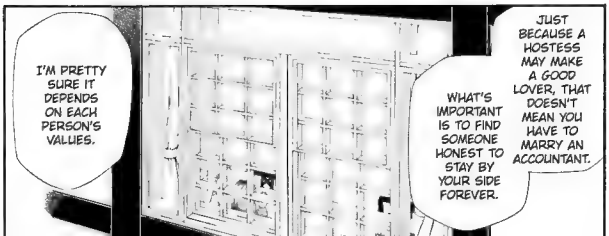
I KNOW THAT I MUST NOT LET MYSELF BE DECEIVED BY ONE FLEETING MOMENT OF TENDERNESS.
I'VE JUST GOT TO GET PAST THIS PAIN.
LOVE CURES ALL!
I'LL BE FINE. I UNDERSTAND THINGS NOW.
I'VE GOT TO FACE REALITY.
AND YET, I KNOW THAT ONE MOMENTARY ENCOUNTER WITH BOOBS WON'T FILL THIS HOLE IN MY HEART.
I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO SHAKE THIS FEELING OF REGRET.
I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MORE PICTURES.
I SHOULD'VE USED KIDDING AROUND AS AN EXCUSE TO TOUCH THEIR ARMS AND LEGS WHEN I COULD...!
WHY DIDN'T I CHERISH THE DAYS SPENT TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE OVER THE SUMMER?
...I'M SURE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL TIME WITH THEM.
THEIR LEGS?
SHE WOULDN'T REALLY TOUCH HER FRIENDS' LEGS, WOULD SHE?
WELL, WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN THING, I GUESS.

LOVE, HUH... MUST BE NICE.
I REMEMBER FALLING INTO ONE-SIDED LOVE AFFAIRS OF MY OWN BACK IN THE DAY AND THEN FEELING LIKE THE WORLD WAS GOING TO COME CRASHING DOWN AROUND ME...
PAT
YOU'LL BE OKAY, MIYAMAE-SAN.
THAT SAD FEELING YOU HAVE NOW WILL HEAL OVER TIME AS YOU MEET AND SPEND TIME WITH NEW PEOPLE.
WILL THAT REALLY HAPPEN?
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT CAN TOP THE SPLENDID BEAUTY I SAW IN SUMMER?
THERE CAN'T BE.
NOTHING CAN TOP THOSE GORGEOUS ARMS AND THIGHS AND SHIRTS THAT ARE ALMOST SEE-THROUGH BECAUSE OF SWEAT...

NOW, LISTEN. I'M GIVING YOU THIS ADVICE NOT AS A TEACHER, BUT AS A WOMAN.
ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE MESMERIZED BY THINGS LIKE SEX APPEAL AND SPLENDOR WHEN YOU ARE YOUNG...
...THAT'S NOT WHERE YOU'LL FIND TRUE LOVE.
HMM?
IN FACT, YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY MET THEM.
OF COURSE THERE IS.
RIGHT NOW, YOU ARE AT A STAGE WHERE YOU SHOULD BE EXPERIENCING LOVE AND HEARTBREAK OVER AND OVER. THINK OF IT AS A LEARNING CURVE...
...ONE THAT WILL HELP LEAD YOU TO YOUR PERFECT PARTNER, MIYAMAE-SAN.

POW
!!!!!
YOU'VE HEARD THE SAYING, HAVEN'T YOU?
WHO YOU LOVE AND WHO YOU MARRY ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
BAM

DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
I REALIZED SOMETHING TODAY.
I WAS TRANSFIXED.
I WAS LED ASTRAY.
YOU COULD EVEN SAY DECEIVED, BY THE SPLENDOR OF THE BARE SKIN RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES IN SUMMER.
MARILYN MONROE STYLE!
...IT REALLY CAN'T COMPARE TO THE INTENSITY OF SEEING A WOMAN'S THIGHS WHEN HER LONG SKIRT GETS ACCIDENTALLY BLOWN UP BY THE NORTHERLY WINDS.
...WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT THE HEALTHY LEVEL OF EROTICISM SEEN IN SUMMER CLOTHES DRAWS YOU IN...
YOU KNOW...
MMM!
AND JUST WHERE EXACTLY ARE THESE WINDS COMING FROM?


I'M PRETTY SURE IT DEPENDS ON EACH PERSON'S VALUES.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS TO FIND SOMEONE HONEST TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER.
JUST BECAUSE A HOSTESS MAY MAKE A GOOD LOVER, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO MARRY AN ACCOUNTANT.

A WOMAN WHO SMILES ONLY AT YOU WILL PUT YOUR HEART AT EASE MUCH MORE THAN ONE WHO IS FRIENDLY WITH ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE SHE MEETS.
THE THRILL-SEEKING SEASON IS OVER!
NOW ALL I WANT IS TO FEEL SECURE!
JUST THINK ABOUT IT. ISN'T IT KINDA DISAPPOINTING TO GET A PRESENT COMPLETELY UNWRAPPED?
AGAIN, PRETTY SURE IT DEPENDS ON THE PERSON.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE PRETTY WRAPPING THAT YOU LOOK AT IT AND SO DESPERATELY WANT TO TEAR IT OPEN...
Fap fap
WHO COULD'VE GUESSED THAT SUCH A VIOLENTLY GREEDY PERSON SLEPT INSIDE ME...?
TA-DAH
I GET IT NOW! WINTER CLOTHES ARE THE WRAPPING...
...OF A PRESENT GIVEN TO YOU BY GOD!!
.....

DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
THIS SCHOOL WILL ALWAYS BE PARADISE!
HEY MATSURIKA, DID YOU KNOW...
...THAT WHEN THIS IDIOT FIRST GOT HERE, SHE KEPT TELLING HER "DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN" THAT SHE WAS SEARCHING FOR HER SOUL MATE?
THIS MUST BE WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE A UNIVERSITY STUDENT LIVING ON HER OWN AND GOING TO ONE DATING PARTY AFTER ANOTHER!
THAT VERY LIKELY DEPENDS ON THE PERSON.

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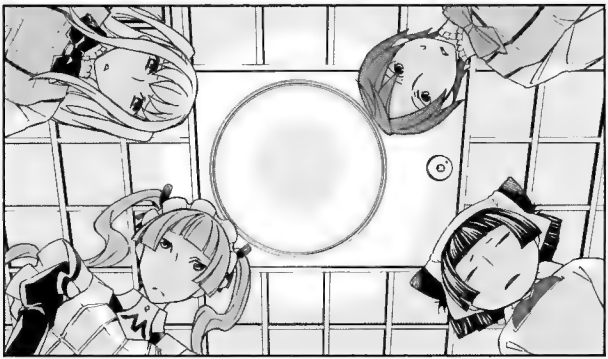
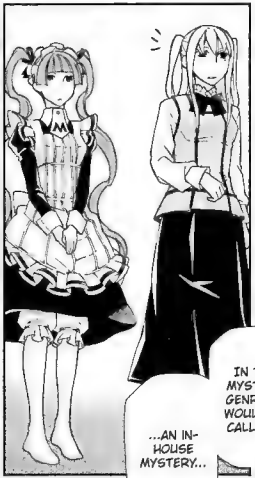
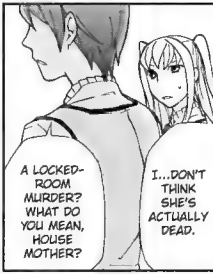
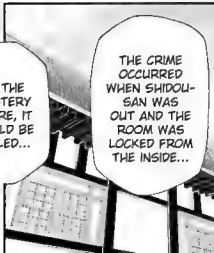
Prayer55
An In-House Mystery



SO... THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL A LOCKED-ROOM MURDER CASE, IS IT?


...AN IN-HOUSE MYSTERY...
IN THE MYSTERY GENRE, IT WOULD BE CALLED...


A LOCKED-ROOM MURDER? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HOUSE MOTHER?
I...DON'T THINK SHE'S ACTUALLY DEAD.


THE CRIME OCCURRED WHEN SHIDOU-SAN WAS OUT AND THE ROOM WAS LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE...

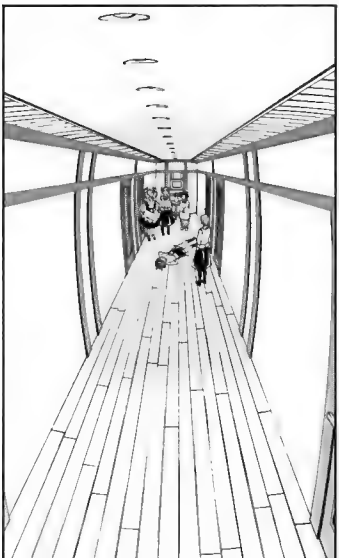
HE SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING IMMEDIATELY
全てを一瞬にして理解
BUT HOW DID SHE...?!
I SEE.
KGB47
WHILE MARIYA WAS OUT, KANAKO DECIDED TO LOCK THE DOOR AND FLIP THROUGH A SOMEWHAT RISQUÉ IDOL PHOTOBOOK. HOWEVER, THE SEXUAL NATURE OF IT WAS MORE THAN SHE COULD HANDLE AND SHE IMMEDIATELY GOT AN INTENSE NOSEBLEED.
SHE LOST SO MUCH BLOOD THAT SHE PASSED OUT, AND YET SHE... HOW DID SHE DO THIS...?
WOW, THIS PHOTOBOOK MIGHT PUT ITSELF IN THE IDOL GENRE, BUT IT IS MOSTLY OF A SEXUAL NATURE...
IF THE HOUSE MOTHER SEES IT, IT'LL DEFINITELY GET CONFISCATED.
AND KANAKO WANTED TO AVOID THAT AT ALL COSTS.
BUT WHY WOULD SOMEONE MURDER A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIKE KANAKO-KUN?
ARE YOU SAYING —?!
BUT WHAT IF SHE WEREN'T JUST YOUR AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. IF SHE WERE TRULY JUST YOUR AVERAGE STUDENT, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED.

YES! THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT MIYAMAE-SAN WAS A SPY SENT TO THIS SCHOOL TO GATHER INFORMATION...
...AND THEN FOR SOME REASON, HAD TO BE DISPOSED OF.
NO, I'M PRETTY SURE ANOTHER SPY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THINGS IN A MUCH COOLER WAY.
YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
SO THEN, WHAT IF KANAKO-SAN HELD THE RIGHT TO INHERIT THE THRONE OF THE MONKEY KINGDOM...
...AND WAS MURDERED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHO HELD THE SAME RIGHTS AS HER.

THAT MAKES SENSE.
POWER DOES TEND TO DRIVE PEOPLE MAD.
WOOF!
HOUSE MOTHER, ISHIMA-SENPAI...
WHY DON'T WE STEP OUTSIDE FOR A BIT AND HAVE TEA OR SOMETHING WHILE WE PUT ALL OF THIS INFORMATION TOGETHER.
YOU'RE RIGHT, AND WE'VE ALSO STILL GOT TO CALL THE POLICE.
POLICE?!
Anything but that...
I WAS GIVEN SOME MASHED SWEET POTATOES WITH CHESTNUTS RECENTLY.
MASHED SWEET POTATOES?!
NOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE AUTUMN!
RUSTLE
PHEW...
FINALLY, THEY'RE GONE...
RUSTLE

CLICK
AND NOW THAT I'VE MADE UP MY MIND, I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST...

I KNOW, I SHOULD LEAVE IT IN A DIFFERENT ROOM!
...BUT I CAN'T HIDE IT IN MY ROOM AS THEY'RE SURE TO FIND IT HERE.
I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THIS BOOK SOMEHOW BEFORE THEY RETURN.
A ROOM WHERE PEOPLE GO IN AND OUT ALL THE TIME WOULD BE PERFECT... THE COMMON ROOM!!



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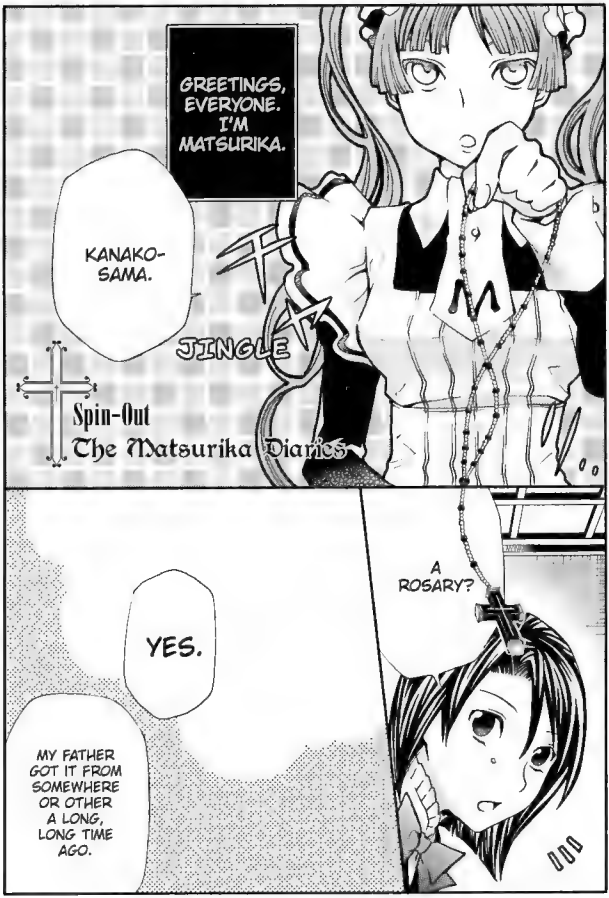
GREETINGS, EVERYONE. I'M MATSURIKA.
KANAKO-SAMA.
JINGLE
Spin-Out
The Matsurika Diaries
A ROSARY?
YES.
MY FATHER GOT IT FROM SOMEWHERE OR OTHER A LONG, LONG TIME AGO.

YOU CAN'T GO ON BORROWING MARIYA-SAMA'S ROSARY FOREVER.
DOES SHE MEAN...?
SO, I WANT YOU...
THAT SHE WANTS ME TO HAVE IT, AS A PRESENT...?
...TO BUY IT FROM ME!
SHE'S TRYING TO HUSTLE ME!!
CRACK
YOU'LL HAVE A HAPPIER LIFE.
IN YOUR PAST LIFE, YOU LIVED IN 16TH-CENTURY EUROPE AS A GIANT ANTEATER.
ARE YOU A SPIRITUAL COUNSELOR NOW?!
YOU WERE AN ANTEATER LIKE ONE PABLO PICASSO MAY HAVE DRAWN.
THAT ACTUALLY SOUNDS AMAZING...
...BUT I WON'T LET YOU TRICK ME!!

I WAS JOKING. I'M GIVING IT TO YOU.
FOR FREE?
YES, FOR FREE.
TWITCH
REALLY?
TWITCH
TWITCH
...IF YOU DON'T NEED IT, THAT'S FINE.
DO I REALLY MISTRUST HER KINDNESS THAT MUCH?
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE AFRAID?
I DO NEED IT! I'M SO HAPPY RIGHT NOW.
I... THANK YOU...
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S GIVING THIS TO ME...
JINGLE
SNIFF
SNIFF
IT SMELLS LIKE MATSURIKA-SAN...
OH, AND IT WAS ACTUALLY MY FATHER'S.
SWOON

YOU WERE FINALLY ABLE TO GET RID OF YOUR CURSED ROSARY.
THAT'S GREAT, MATSURIKA.
I GUESS WHAT YOU MEAN TO SAY IS, "THANK YOU. I'LL TREASURE IT FOREVER, MATSURIKA-SAN" ♡
AND IN THAT CASE, YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.
TWITCH
HEH
TWITCH
NGH
HAH
TWITCH
CURSED...?
HUH...?
YES.
BECAUSE NO MATTER WHERE I THREW IT AWAY, IT ALWAYS ENDED UP BY MY PILLOW WHEN I AWOKE. IT WAS REALLY QUITE ANNOYING.
YEAH, EVEN EXORCISTS THREW THEIR HANDS UP IN DEFEAT.

MA-MATSURIKA-SAN?!
OH?
TWEEDLE LAH! DEE DAH!
IT'S MY FATHER.
HELLO?
CALLING
FATHER
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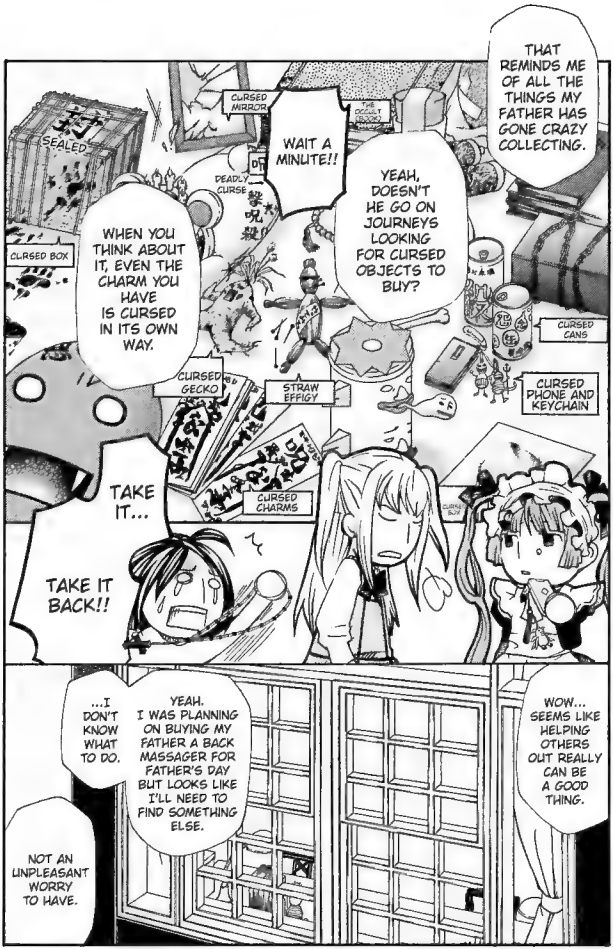
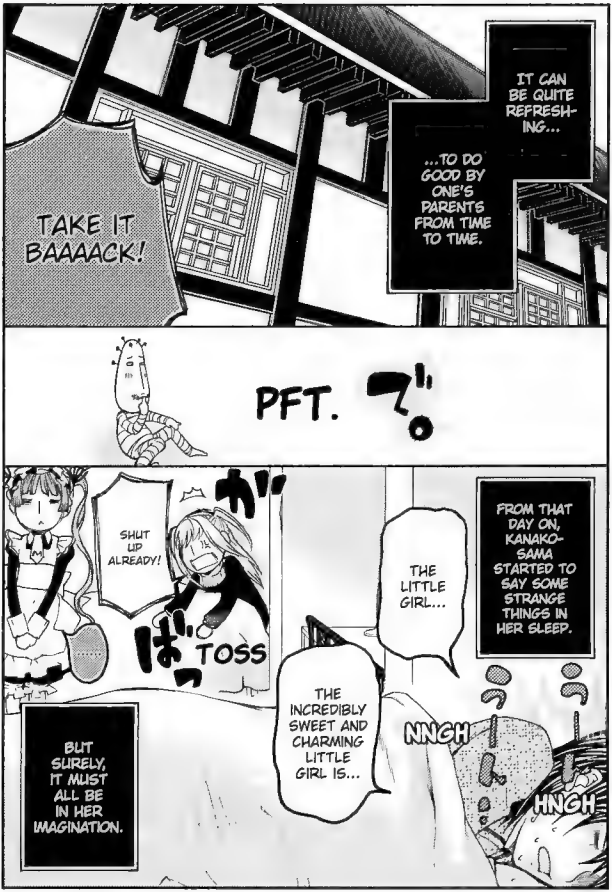
FLIP
HI, MY PRETTY!
WELL, HE'S AS FIRED UP AS EVER.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT THE PAIN IN MY SHOULDERS HAS SUDDENLY GONE AWAY!

PLAK
YOU HEARD HIM.
NOOOO-OOO!!


THAT REMINDS ME OF ALL THE THINGS MY FATHER HAS GONE CRAZY COLLECTING.
CURSED MIRROR
SEALED
WAIT A MINUTE!!
YEAH, DOESN'T HE GO ON JOURNEYS LOOKING FOR CURSED OBJECTS TO BUY?
DEADLY CURSE
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, EVEN THE CHARM YOU HAVE IS CURSED IN ITS OWN WAY.
CURSED BOX
CURSED CANS
CURSED GECKO
STRAW EFFIGY
CURSED PHONE AND KEYCHAIN
TAKE IT...
CURSED CHARMS
TAKE IT BACK!!
WOW... SEEMS LIKE HELPING OTHERS OUT REALLY CAN BE A GOOD THING.
YEAH. I WAS PLANNING ON BUYING MY FATHER A BACK MASSAGER FOR FATHER'S DAY BUT LOOKS LIKE I'LL NEED TO FIND SOMETHING ELSE.
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
NOT AN UNPLEASANT WORRY TO HAVE.


TAKE IT BAAAACK!
IT CAN BE QUITE REFRESHING...
...TO DO GOOD BY ONE'S PARENTS FROM TIME TO TIME.
PFT.
SHUT UP ALREADY!
TOSS
FROM THAT DAY ON, KANAKO-SAMA STARTED TO SAY SOME STRANGE THINGS IN HER SLEEP.
THE LITTLE GIRL...
THE INCREDIBLY SWEET AND CHARMING LITTLE GIRL IS...
NNGH
HNGH
BUT SURELY, IT MUST ALL BE IN HER IMAGINATION.

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Memories of a Summer Gone

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PAJAMA PARTY HERE.
I'D LIKE TO STEP BACK IN TIME, AND TELL YOU A MEMORY FROM THE NOW-OVER SUMMER.
DEAR MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
.....
Mmm...
I'M MORE OF A ZARU SOBA FAN MYSELF.
...I THINK WE SHOULD STICK TO ENJOYING SUMMER WITH THINGS LIKE CHILLED CHINESE NOODLES AND GOING TO THE POOL AFTER IT OPENS...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN, RYUIKEN-SAMA.

I WAS JUST WATCHING A VARIETY PROGRAM ON T.V. AND SEVERAL OF THE YOUNG WOMEN WERE ENJOYING A PAJAMA PARTY.
AND MY YOUNG MIND WAS SIMPLY TICKLED WITH DELIGHT AT THE THOUGHT OF THE FUN I WOULD HAVE AT MY OWN SLUMBER PARTY, EVEN IF THEIRS WASN'T REAL.
THAT'S JUST LIKE ONE OF THOSE CORRUPT REFEREES YOU FIND IN PRO-WRESTLING.
JUST CALL ME MR. RULEBOOK.
It's perfectly fine.
HERE IN GIRLS' DORM NUMBER TWO, THERE IS NO HIGHER POWER THAN ME, GOD. AND AS SUCH, WE CAN DO WHATEVER I LIKE.
ALSO, GOING TO OTHER RESIDENTS' ROOMS AFTER LIGHTS-OUT HAS TO BE AGAINST THE DORMITORY RULES, DOESN'T IT?
FLUFF

SO YOU WANT US TO... SHOW YOU A GOOD TIME?
THAT'S...
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
BASICALLY, I WANTED TO BE A PART OF THE PRE-ESTABLISHED HARMONY I SAW.

Squee
THAT'S UNEXPECTEDLY ADORABLE COMING FROM...
DON'T TELL ME... YOU CAN'T SLEEP WITHOUT IT?
YEAH
IT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY.
WITHOUT THIS, I...
IT LOOKS PRETTY WORN DOWN THOUGH...
RYUKEN-SAMA, THAT PANDA PILLOW IS REALLY CUTE.

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I CAN SLEEP, BUT NOT VERY SOUNDLY, AND I END UP SPOUTING OFF A MONOLOGUE IN MY SLEEP OF ALL THE SAD THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME.
No...
It's so embarrassing...
WHAT?! THAT WAS ALL JUST YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF?!
And here I thought we'd grown super close at that moment!

SO HOUSE MOTHER, JUST WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO AT THIS PAJAMA PARTY?
I'VE HEARD THAT THE USUAL THING TO DO IS HAVE SNACKS AND TEA WHILE PLAYING GAMES AND TALKING...
IF IT'S A GAME YOU WANT, THEN WE SHOULD TOTALLY PLAY "THREE KINGDOMS CARD GAME ~MILITARY COMMANDERS EDITION 2"...
THREE KINGDOMS CARD GAME MILITARY COMM. EDIT 2
IT'S ALREADY QUITE LATE, SO WE SHOULD PLAY SOMETHING THAT CAN BE FINISHED QUICKLY.
GAMES?!
??!!

SLIP?
.....
HOW ABOUT WE DO SOMETHING ALL GIRLS LOVE TO DO WHEN THEY GET TOGETHER– FORTUNE TELLING?
TA DAH
YES NO
I'LL PASS.
BOTH MY HANDS ARE TIED, AFTER ALL!!
UNFORTUNATELY IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN REALLY BE DONE WITH A LARGE GROUP...
I SEE. IT IS TRUE THAT EVERY GIRL LOVES HAVING HER FORTUNE TOLD.
D-D-DIVINATION!!

THINKING ABOUT IT FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE SUPERNATURAL, YONAKUNI-SAN WOULD JUST END UP PLAYING THE ROLE OF A SACRIFICE.
WOOF?!
ALL RIGHT, WITHOUT ISHIMA-SAMA, THAT LEAVES THREE PARTICIPANTS...
HOUSE MOTHER, MARIYA-SAMA, KANAKO-SAMA.
OH, THAT DOES WORK OUT QUITE REASONABLY.

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN.
THIS FORM OF DIVINATION IS AN OCCULT GAME BASED ON THINGS LIKE THE OUIJA BOARD AND TABLE TURNING, RITUALS THAT BECAME POPULAR IN EUROPE IN THE 19TH CENTURY.
SO THEN...
IS THERE ANYONE HERE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO DIVINATION... OR FORTUNE TELLING IN GENERAL?
I'M FINE, AS I KNOW THE BASICS OF HOW IT WORKS.
AND OF COURSE, GOD IS CONNECTED TO ALL OF CREATION, SO NO PROBLEM THERE.
I'M GOOD, TOO.

HOWEVER, I'M A STRONG BELIEVER IN THE "SOMEONE IS MOVING IT" THEORY.
GRIN
AND IN RECENT YEARS, ANOTHER THEORY HAS DISTINGUISHED ITSELF CALLED THE "MUSCLE FATIGUE THEORY."
HOWEVER, SOME SAY IT IS ACTUALLY THE PARTICIPANTS' SUBCONSCIOUS BETRAYING THEM AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS, THE "SUBCONSCIOUS THEORY."
IT'S SAID TO BE A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH LOWER LEVEL SPIRITS, SUCH AS THE FOX - A FORM OF SPIRITUALISM IF YOU WILL.
I CAN USE THIS CHANCE TO ENTRAP MARIYA AND GET HIM KICKED OUT OF AME NO KISAKI!!
WHAT AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS!
OKAY THEN, WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE PUT ONE OF THEIR FINGERS ONTO THE 10 YEN COIN ON THE TABLE?
WELL, THEN... WHAT KIND OF QUESTION SHOULD WE ASK FIRST?
THE KING'S ABILITY COMES FROM WHAT OTHERS WILL TOLERATE DOING.
TEE HEE... IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU PLAY THE KING'S GAME. IT'S STANDARD TO START WITH HARMLESS COMMANDS LIKE SHAKING SOMEONE'S HAND OR PETTING THEIR HEAD...
OH... LIKE THE WEATHER OR SOMETHING?
I THINK IT'S BEST TO START WITH SOMETHING SIMPLE AND HARMLESS.

...LET'S START WITH, "WILL IT BE SUNNY TOMORROW?"
OKAY...
NO
THERE'S OUR ANSWER.
...THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AN EASY ONE.
COME ON, MR. DIVINER.
I'LL HAVE TO BRING MY LAUNDRY INSIDE TO DRY.

ARE YOU TRYING TO CAUSE HAVOC? THE WEATHER MAP FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW...
...SHOWED SUNNY SKIES WITH A ZERO PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN.
ARE YOU TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THE JMA, METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE AND THE CUTE WEATHER GIRL?
YOU WANT TO SEE LIGHTNING STRIKE, DON'T YOU?
WHA?
SLIDE
YES

CRACK
ZZSSSH
AME NO KISAKI GIRLS' DORM
HEH HEH
LOOKS LIKE MR. DIVINER HAS GOT SOME POWER.
RUMBLE RUMBLE
.....
RUMBLE RUMBLE
D-DON'T TELL ME THAT CUTE WEATHER GIRL LIED TO ME...
WELL, AT LEAST THE CREDIBILITY OF IT'S ANSWERS HAS NOW BEEN PROVEN.
NOW'S MY CHANCE!!

?!!
IS THERE A BOY AMONG US?!

I'M 173CM TALL AND HAVE STRONG ARMS. DO YOU REALLY THINK YOUR SCRAWNY LITTLE ONES CAN OVERPOWER MINE?
MARIYA-SAN... YOU'RE SMILING AT ME NOW AS IF YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, BUT I'VE GOT EVERY INTENTION OF DELIBERATELY MOVING THIS WHERE I NEED IT.
NOW, COME ON AND DO YOUR DANCE, LITTLE 10 YEN.
I...I SAID IT. I SAID IT!!
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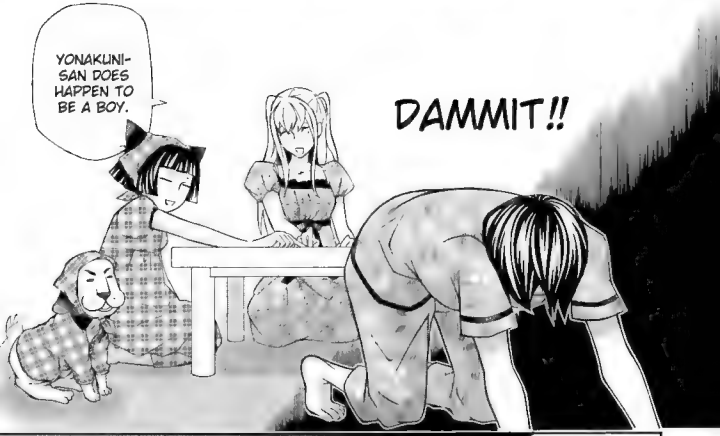
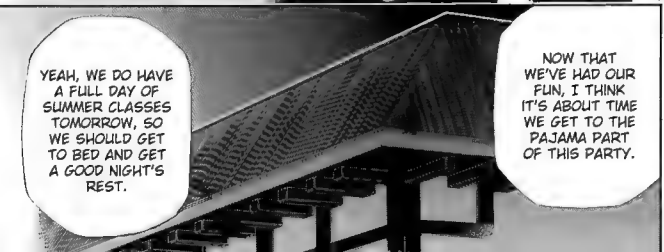
SLIDE
WOOF
WHAT...? IT WAS THAT EASY...


YONAKUNI-SAN DOES HAPPEN TO BE A BOY.
DAMMIT!!


YEAH, WE DO HAVE A FULL DAY OF SUMMER CLASSES TOMORROW, SO WE SHOULD GET TO BED AND GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.
NOW THAT WE'VE HAD OUR FUN, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE GET TO THE PAJAMA PART OF THIS PARTY.

SLIDE
WELL THEN, I'LL GO AHEAD AND PUT THE DIVINATION STUFF AWAY AND GET MY FUTON OUT...
HUH...?
Did it just move?
MI
*Good night
SU
YA
HEH...

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To Find Love
Buy a Pet

I'M THINKING OF GETTING A PET.

CLICK
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DON'T JUST GO INTO PEOPLE'S CLOSETS WITHOUT ASKING...

WIGGLE
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE.
EEK! THE SQUIGGLY THINGS ARE INCREASING!!

Ew!! 違う!!
I WANT SOMETHING WITH FLUFFY HAIR!!
MAKE IT GROW SOME?
CAN IT DO THAT?! THAT'S LIKE PLAYER #10 OF MANCHESTER UNITED!!
PRETTY SURE THAT HIS HAIR JUST DISPERSED ITSELF ACROSS HIS BODY LIKE THAT.

I MEAN, EVERYONE LOVES PETS LIKE CATS AND DOGS, RIGHT?
あヒマなひのルーニーとか....
and Man. Rooney
YEAH, YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE.
Though I'm not sure about the last one
IF YOU SET YOUR CELL-PHONE BACKGROUND TO A PICTURE OF YOUR PET, THEN YOU CAN GO AROUND SHOWING IT TO EVERYONE.
AND THEN GIRLS WILL BE LIKE "AWW, IT'S SO CUTE. I WANNA PET IT. CAN I COME OVER AND SEE IT?"

AND ONCE I GET THEM HERE, THEY'RE MINE.
RATTLE
ACK! YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE FUN OF ME LIKE THAT!
HELLO OUT THERE!
IS THERE A DOCTOR AMONG YOU? WE NEED A PSYCHIATRIST UP HERE!

I'M AN ADOLESCENT GIRL, AND HAVING FANTASIES ALONG THESE LINES IS PERFECTLY NORMAL!!
WHAT'S NORMAL IS KEEPING THOSE FANTASIES TO YOURSELF.
I READ IT IN A MAGAZINE.
IT SAID THAT THIS IS THE PERFECT WAY TO HUNT DOWN A SLIMMER LOVER!
SO WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING ON DOING ONCE YOU GOT HER HERE?
THIS IS A SHARED ROOM, REMEMBER? WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING ON DOING WITH MATSURIKA AND ME AROUND?
USE SOME COMMON SENSE.
HMM, WHAT WITTY REMARK SHOULD I MAKE?

Even...
EVEN FATHER KANAE CAN'T GET PAST THE HOUSE MOTHER'S SECURITY SYSTEM WITHOUT RESORTING TO BRIBERY AND YET YOU USED WHATEVER NINJA GEAR THAT IS TO DO SO...?
SUMMER HAS A WAY OF OPENING UP PEOPLE'S MINDS TO TRYING NEW THINGS.
HEAVE HO!
AS A RESULT, PEOPLE ARE OFTEN TREMBLING WITH REGRET AT SOME OF THE THINGS THEY DID COME THE BEGINNING OF AUTUMN.
RINDOU-SAN, YOU REALLY ARE A MASTER AT TOYING WITH PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS!
AHH... I JUST WANT TO FIND LOVE!
CLINK
HOW ABOUT HAVING A-DATING PARTY?
ACK! WHO'S THERE?!

HOWEVER, HUMANS ARE UNLIKE BEETLES IN THAT THEY HAVE DEVELOPED A LIMBIC SYSTEM WHICH OFTEN WORKS TO SUPPRESS THOSE URGES.
BECAUSE OF THIS, HUMANS DON'T EASILY LIVE JUST IN THE MOMENT.
THEY NEED SOMEONE TO GIVE THEM A PUSH FORWARD.
Take off your shoes already!
IF YOU PUT A MALE AND FEMALE RHINOCEROS BEETLE IN THE SAME ENCLOSURE, THEY WILL BECOME A COUPLE.
THE SAME IS TRUE WITH A DATING PARTY.
STOP MAKING HUMANS LOOK STUPID!!
THE PARTY SHOULD BE HELD ON A BUS.
YOU'LL TRAVEL TO FARAWAY LANDS AND EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT CULTURES WHERE NO ONE BUT YOURSELVES SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE.
THINGS WILL GO WRONG ONE AFTER ANOTHER... AND ALL YOU'LL HAVE IS EACH OTHER...
IT WILL BE A PERFECT CASE OF THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE EFFECT!!
I'VE HEARD OF THAT! I SAW SOMETHING LIKE THAT ON T.V. A WHILE AGO!!

HEH.
I KNEW YOU'D BE MAKING AN APPEARANCE SOON.
CLICK
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
WHOOSH
LOVE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU DO, IT'S SOMETHING YOU FALL
INTO!!
YOU'RE SAYING THAT NOW?!
WHOOSH
WOOF
I'LL GET YOU!
YOU RASCAL!
WHACK
SLASH
GRACK
CLINK
YOU BASTARD! YONAKUNI THROWING STAR, GO!
HA HA HA HA, IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?!
WOOF?!
CLING
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DON'T YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE?
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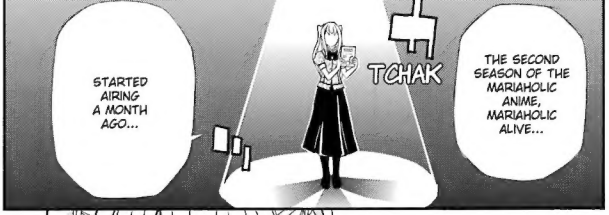

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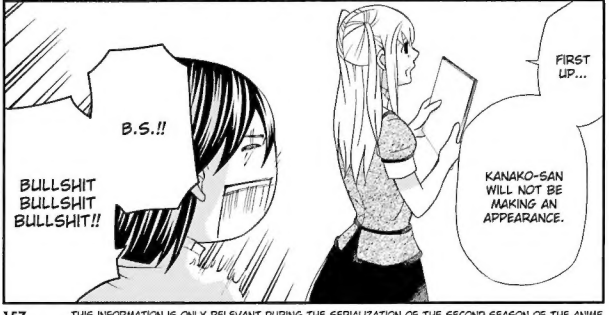
TODAY, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW SERIES THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO ENJOY IT TO THE FULLEST.
Promoting "Alive"



THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY RELEVANT DURING THE SERIALIZATION OF THE SECOND SEASON OF THE ANIME.

I HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY THE EVERYDAY HAPPENINGS AT OUR SCHOOL EVEN AFTER KANAKO-SAMA HAS DISAPPEARED.
I'M STILL HERE!
I MEAN, SURE THERE WAS A STORYLINE LIKE THAT IN THE ORIGINAL MANGA, BUT THAT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE ABOUT THE NEW ANIME, SO STOP IT!!
I HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY MARIAHOLIC ALIVE.
HEH! ♡
THE ANIME STARTED AIRING A WHILE AGO, SO STOP TELLING LIES LIKE THAT SO NONCHALANTLY!!
OH? PERHAPS I MADE A MISTAKE?
THERE'S NO PERHAPS ABOUT IT!!
MATSURIKA-SAN...?
SHE'S RIGHT MARIYA-SAMA. WHAT REALLY HAPPENS IS THIS—
RIGHT AFTER THE NEW SEASON STARTS, KANAKO-SAMA TRANSFERS TO A SCHOOL FAR, FAR AWAY.
AND THE STORY CONTINUES NORMALLY, BARELY TOUCHING ON THAT ISSUE.
STOP IT! STOP TELLING SUCH CRUEL LIES, PLEASE!!

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